

The Monitor's Agricultural Department For the Use and Benefit of Farmers.

Correspondence, Suggestions and Inquiries welcomed to these columns.

Low Standard of Apple Packing How to Raise It.

To the Editor, Dear Sir:—The fact that growers are unable to obtain sufficient new or second-hand barrels to ship their apples in is beginning to be very serious matter. Complaints come from all sections of the country, and are forced to ship their apples in bulk to New York, Boston and other markets and having them sold for from \$1.00 to \$1.20 per 150 lbs. This is a serious loss to growers, as they could not reasonably be expected to handle per cent more money if they could only market their fruit in some kind of a package. Instead of these being, prospectively, any relief in the direction of an increased supply of barrels, there is every indication that of second-hand four barrel barrels coming more scarce than ever, as railers in the West are using less barrels for flour every year, as there appears to be an increase in the demand for flour in bags of different sizes over that for bags in the barrel.

I think this great scarcity of the barrel is going to result in a great loss to growers in the end. The barrel has always been a most desirable package to pack such delicate fruit in, as it gets an immense amount of abuse on all hands, in consequence of its being so easy to move from place to place by rolling. Another thing, its content, for one compartment, contains too great a quantity of fruit, and in order to carry well, a pressure has to be used that virtually bruises every piece of fruit it contains. In the matter of the second-hand four barrel barrels, it is going to result in a great loss to growers in the end. The barrel has always been a most desirable package to pack such delicate fruit in, as it gets an immense amount of abuse on all hands, in consequence of its being so easy to move from place to place by rolling. Another thing, its content, for one compartment, contains too great a quantity of fruit, and in order to carry well, a pressure has to be used that virtually bruises every piece of fruit it contains.

So serious is the situation in the matter of packages to market the fruit at the moment, it is imperative that necessary that handlers of fruit, as well as growers, should come together and come to some understanding for a change in the style of package.

As you, and probably your readers, are aware, I have been advocating the last eight years, a case of two compartments that holds exactly one-half barrel of apples. In its finished state it is 28 1/2 inches long, 13 1/2 inches wide and deep (outside measurements). The two end pieces as well as the middle piece should be of three quarters of an inch wood, and the bottom and top should consist of three pieces of wood, three-eighths inch wide. In putting these cases to gether the idea is to have not more than one quarter of an inch space between the sides forming the sides, tops and bottoms, not to have them come together at the corners.

I am satisfied that such a package will come to this or some similar package for marketing our apples after this. I have experimented with this sized crate long enough to believe that it will eventually be adopted. Some have advocated a hinged crate, but this for an export trade has its disadvantages in coating as much to make, and then in the matter of charges per case, as the one I advocate. My arrangements with steamship and railway companies, teamsters and all others are that they are to treat this crate, in the matter of charges, just one-half that of the barrel. The case I advocate is a little too heavy to throw, or to try to walk on in its moving it, consequently it has to be trucked or carried, which insures its having more careful handling than the barrel or the smaller case.

When one looks at the intelligence shown by the California and Florida in the matter of grading and packing of their fruits, as well as the inviting packages they use, he is forced to admit of the utter lack of intelligence or an indifference on the part of growers of fruit in New England, and the Middle States, in this matter. No advancement whatever is discernible, as every continue in the same old ways of the barrel, and with a little less honesty in the matter of packing their fruit. There are no fruit growers in the California and Florida who use such a low standard of grading fruit and using such an unsuitable package as the barrel to pack their apples in as the apple growers of America, in the Middle and New England States of America, and the Canadians are no better, except in better barrels, as they generally use new ones. They continue to try to market one-third to one-half more for their "peck" fruit than they would receive from one-third to one-half more, as well as saving the cost of package, labor, freight, cartage, and other charges on this worthless portion of their shipments. When they realize this, and bring up their standard of quality, they will find their apple trees will yield them a profit to exceed anything they can raise on their farms.

I have been an exporter of apples to Europe for the last forty years, and have, like many others, suffered losses from the best landing condition of shipments of barrelled fruit, but with the great improvements in ventilation in the new swift steamers, and this case advocates losses are seldom from deterioration, and such conditions only have to be contacted with.

There are many things I should like to allude to in the matter of the duty of growers to make the business more profitable to them as well as those who export their fruit, and will have more to say on the subject when time will admit, but I must close for this issue of the Monitor. I am, Sir, a grower of apples the fact that America has got to be the great source of

From Poorhouse to Parliament.

From the poorhouse to a seat in parliament is the notable advance of William Crooks, a working cooper in the Woodstock district of London, England. Heretofore the district has always polled over 70,000 votes, always giving the government a large majority, but in the election the cooper was elected as a Liberal by a majority of 3,229 in a total vote of fourteen thousand. When Crooks's father died the mother and children were ordered to the workhouse at Poplar, England, and in 1878 young Crooks was a tramp on the road from London to Liverpool, looking for work. He is now chairman of the board of guardians, the "poor" body that ordered him, as a boy, to the poorhouse. He is also president of several other public houses and organizations. Among his personal friends is Lord Rosebery. The man selected for this position, cooper in the election is Geoffrey Drago, one of Great Britain's most prominent statesmen, and author of many works on a social economy. He was a Liberal Member of Parliament from 1885 to 1892 to 1900. He takes the seat vacated by Lord Charles Beresford.

A Study of Old Age.

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The Best Remedy for Croup.

(From the Acheson, Kan., Daily Globe.) This is the season when the woman who knows the best remedy for croup is in demand in every neighborhood. One of the most terrible things in the world is to be awakened in the middle of the night by a whoop from one of the children. The croup remedies are almost as sure to be used, in case of croup, as a revolver is sure to be used in case of burglars. There used to be an old-fashioned remedy for croup, known as live syrup, but some modern mothers have learned that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is better, and does not cough so much. It causes the patient to "throw up the phlegm" quicker and gives relief in a shorter time. Give this remedy as soon as the croupy cough appears. It will prevent the attack. It never fails and is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by S. N. Moore.

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Get your coppers!

"Get your coppers!" asked the grocer in a village restaurant. "No, sir," replied the soldier. "We all ain't got no shillings 'cept eggs, sir."

The Household.

NEGLECT OF THE TEETH VULGAR AND UNPROFITABLE. There can be no beauty where good teeth are lacking; that we demonstrate almost every day in the year. White, well-formed teeth will redound the ugliest face you ever saw and that too, is proved often enough to prevent our forgetting it. Ugly teeth need not be tolerated in these days of high art in dentistry, for every dentist of note keeps thorough abreast of the times and possesses the necessary implements of his calling and the skill to use them. Crooked teeth can be straightened and decayed teeth can be plugged to remain useful, and almost beyond the point of detection. There is an expensive porcelain filling for front teeth which have been broken, and recent filling for holes which do not show. Then there is the old-fashioned gold filling to which some people cling, even though there are better ways of procuring the most expeditious in the human body. It pays to be on good terms with a dentist. If you are a regular patron he will be a personal interest in your teeth and do whatever he regards as best for them, regardless of expense. He will recommend the most harmless tooth powder, and the most beneficial treatment, and he will keep watch for an insidious foe to the health of the gums, and scrape it away before it gets to work. There is the same advantage in having your own dentist as in giving yourself to the care of one physician—he gets to understand your peculiar makeup and can deal more intelligently with it. Those who are blessed with good health have little use for medicine, and those who take intelligent care of their teeth have nothing to fear from the ordinary wear and tear of brushing it absolutely necessary, because we do not grow inches like a dog and live upon nature food as do other animals. (With the brush we must have a good position, because the brush alone will not do the work. We have to use soap and other loo-ers of dirt upon floors, so why should we expect to get along without other assistance than a brush and water in cleansing the teeth. It is not reasonable.

Jokers' Corner.

QUITE SUITABLE. When President Harrison died, John Tyler came in to fill the office, an old Irishman, who had been around the White House many years, a sort of guide, philosopher and friend. He consulted his treaty, and they were very good comrades. One day Tyler said to Jimmy: "The Peruvian minister has been recalled, and all his belongings are to be sold at public auction. Jimmy, did you ever notice that new carriage the Peruvian minister recently bought? That is to go too, and I have been thinking very seriously about buying it." "It is a very fine carriage, sir," replied Jimmy. Tyler thought a moment and then he said: "That has occurred to me. Would it be just the thing, for the President of the United States to ride about in a second-hand carriage?" "Well," replied Jimmy, "I don't know, but you are a sort of second-hand President, you know."

AN ENTERPRISING APPRENTICE.

"James," said a druggist to the boy "if you can induce a customer to buy a quantity of anything, I'll offer him a small discount, you may turn your capital off, although the margin of profit is not as large." "Yes, sir," replied James, and more or less satisfaction, that intelligent James had induced a customer who only wanted a one penny postage stamp to buy the entire stock at a half penny apiece.

SHE GOT THE WOOL.

"A young American girl, on her first visit to Italy, entered a shop in search of black darning wool," says a writer in Harper's Bazar. "She spoke no Italian, she spoke no English. She pantomimed darning a hole and pointed to her stocking. The clerk brought white darning cotton. She showed that her stocking was black, and black darning cotton was produced. But she wanted wool. A long pause, then the clerk, the American girl. She got the wool."

BOUND TO ENJOY HERSELF.

"Now, dear," said mamma, giving final instructions to Elsie, who was to take ten with a playmate, "you are asked if you will have something, you must say, 'Yes, thank you,' and if you don't want it—"

Two cockneys, having hired a trap for a sporting expedition, found themselves at the end of the day confronted with the bewildering problem of harnessing the horse. The boy proposed his chief difficulty, for the horse made no response to their overtures.

—He was trying hard to learn English while on a flying visit to New York, and he was greatly assisted by a greasy girl in his boarding house.

—One of her last language lessons contained the word 'picks,' which she told him meant to preserve. One day a telegram recalled him to Paris, and when he said good-bye to his teacher, he exclaimed with grateful sincerity: "May the Lord pickles you until I return!"

—The limit of masculine humiliation has been worked in the case of a Wichita man. His wife makes him wear tucks in the sleeves of his nightgown, trimmed with pink ribbons so the baby would know the difference when he walks the floor with it at night.

—Belows—"Does your daughter play on the piano?"

Old Farmer (in tones of disgust)—"No sir. She works on it, slakes it, scrapes it jumps on it, and rolls over on it; but there's no play about it."

—A popular and prominent man in England was once called upon to attend an assemblage, which greeted him enthusiastically and with cheers. The newspaper which reported the meeting said innocently: "The vast concourse rent the air with their snouts."

—Mrs. Proudman—"Our Willie got 'mritorious commendation' at school last week."

Mrs. Bull—"Well, well! Ain't it awful the number of strange diseases that's hatched by school children?"

—Mother—"I wonder what makes that dog afraid of me? He always behaves as if he thought I was going to kill him."

Little daughter—"I expect he's gone to whippin' me."

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