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which led him to invest his substance in apple trees. Taking an average of good years with bad, allowing for late frosts that nip the blossom, and strong gales that blow down the young fruit, if he is a faithful cultivator, he may count with the utmost confidence on a yield of anywhere from one hundred to one hundred and fifty barrels per acre. This is an extremely conservative estimate. Some growers sell their fruit on the tree, to the big apple speculators, who traverse the country before the time of picking and bid for the fruit as it hangs. The products of the small orchards are generally disposed of in this way. The large growers prefer to handle the fruit themselves, consigning it to fruit brokers in London, Liverpool, Glasgow or Boston. There are those who stencil their names, as well as the names of the varieties, on the heads of the bar-