

ing all through the crate between and under the baskets, and preventing any heating. The objection to the square, tight, gift box is, that they fit so closely together that the air does not have a free circulation, and the fruit spoils quickly. We have had blackberries mould and spoil in a single night in these tight square boxes, and believe it our duty here to condemn them, although we had before thought favorably of them. They *will not* answer in hot, damp weather, while baskets packed in slatted crates, will carry fruit nicely and not heat it. As to the

SIZE OF SHIPPING CRATES, FOR CHERRIES AND SMALL FRUIT,

there is a difference of opinion. It has always been our experience, however, that a crate holding forty-five to sixty quarts was best, as such requires two persons to load and unload, and are therefore not so liable to be thrown about as a smaller one that one can handle. Another important point with cases is to have them made shallow—not so high as they are broad—for if not made so they are more likely to get placed on the side by careless express messengers, and the fruit nearly ruined thereby. Our cases for square quart baskets are made to hold five one way and three the other, making fifteen in each layer, and we make them to hold three layers, having the slat division between each layer.

PACKING OF TREES NECESSARY.

(REQUIRE IT FROM THE DEALER, "B. L. BARRY.")

Packing.—Persons who are ignorant of the structure of trees, never appreciate the importance of packing; and that is the reason why so many trees are every year destroyed by exposure. It is not uncommon, in this part of the country, to see apple trees loaded on hayracks, like so much brush, without a particle of covering on any part of them, to travel a journey of one or two weeks in this condition. Of course it is utterly impossible that such trees can live or thrive; and yet the persons who thus conduct their nursery operations, are doing the most profitable business. Such practices are not only dishonest, but highly injurious and disreputable to the trade; and it is by no means fair to class such people amongst respectable and honorable nurserymen.