

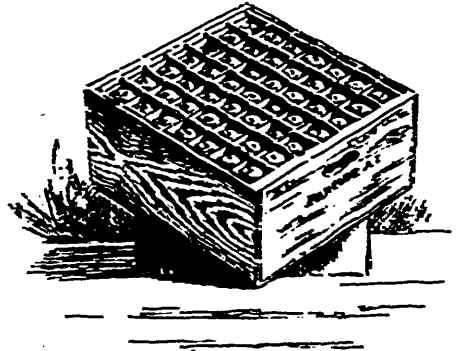
FANCY PACKING

L. W.

I have thought out what I think is a new way of packing fruit in boxes; one which is clean, handy and cheap, and which will grade the fruit at the same time. I am sending by express a sample box with the packing. The packing will accommodate itself to pears as well as apples, which is one of its best features, and still grade the fruit. The boxes could be made any size and the packing according to kind and quality. I have to thank you for other valuable information furnished me in the past.—(Tom Gibson, Toronto.

The best methods of packing fancy fruit for export has been made a study by the writer for seven or eight years past. At first a box containing eight shallow trays was tried, in which the fruit was packed in a single layer. These cost about 40 cents for the box of trays and only held about one bushel. At the end of the season it was decided the box was too elaborate and cost too much money, and in this the English buyers concurred. Next came the Wilson box, with trays and cardboard divisions. These were similar to the Cochrane case, much used in Montreal, and shown in the illustration, but the trays or drawers were made to slide, a difficult thing to work without bruising the fruit. These cases are mentioned to show that the plan of packing proposed by our correspondent is not at all new. This package was given a thorough trial. While the

value of the little pasteboard cell for each individual fruit is fully appreciated, and while it might be a fine method of packing for export tender fruits of great value, such as our finest Elberta peaches, the package at that time was too costly to be used for apples and pears, but I understand some



The Cochrane Case.

This box for shipping fruit, fitted with trays and cardboard divisions, has been much used in Montreal. It is known as the Cochrane case. While excellent for costly fruits it is rather expensive for common use.

improvements have since been made and that the price has been considerably reduced. Indeed, no box for apples can be more desirable than the one now adopted by Ontario, of which the inside measure is 10 x 11 x 20 inches, while for pears a box just half as deep, measuring 5 x 11 x 20 cannot be excelled.

ting rid of them seems to be to dig them out with a knife.—(Robert Thompson, St. Catharines, Ont.

Planting Peaches

J. L. HILLBORN, LEAMINGTON.

Would you advise the planting of many varieties of peaches?—Subscriber.

That depends largely on how you sell your crops. I grow a variety of crops and send out weekly quotations to my customers. By growing a number of varieties it is possible to have them ripen in succession, so that peaches can be picked every day.

I have not been troubled much by the peach tree borer. The best method of get-

I consider spraying, when it is properly and thoroughly done, to be of great importance. It must, in almost every case, be of great good; but, on the other hand, when carelessly, recklessly and improperly done, it will not only result in doing no good, but may cause very serious injury.—(Wm. Rickard, Newcastle, Ont.