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The cherry, unlike most other fruits, does not separate readily from the stem or tree. If pulled it is liable to be bruised or torn. The common way is to catch the stem with the thumb and finger and tear the fruit from the tree with others in the same cluster, and put them in quart boxes or half bushel baskets for the market. In recent years, however, there has been an increasing demand for "clipped cherries." There are several reasons why dealers prefer them to those that are pulled. The buyer wants fruit and not stems. Long stems and clusters occupy too much space in the box, and with the dried brown calyx they do not present the bright, pleasing appearance of the "clipped" fruit. Some growers claim that the trees from which the cherries have been clipped are in better condition for a crop the next year than those from which the fruit has been pulled. In pulling, many buds, small twigs and fruit spurs are injured, bark stripped, etc.

There are several methods of clipping. Some use shears in one hand and try to catch the fruit in the other. This is not satisfactory because the hand is too small to hold many, and some fall to the ground. Some spread sheets under the trees and shear off the cherries and let them fall into it. The sheets are more or less in the way of the ladders and pickers, and the fruit must all be gathered up and separated from leaves and twigs that fall and are, consequently, sometimes bruised.

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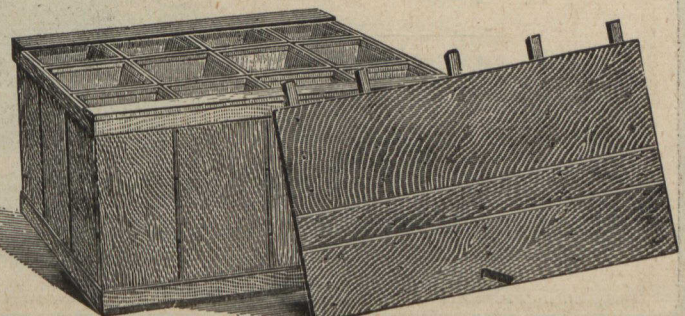
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