

Practical Talks and Plain Precepts for Farmers.

Edited for the Farmer readers of the MONITOR by an Annapolis Valley Agriculturist. We invite contributions, criticism and questions bearing on agriculture or horticulture and will be glad to answer the latter, or will undertake to have them answered by experts.

The Preservation of Fruit for Exhibition Purposes. (By Prof. H. L. Hays, O. A. C., Guelph.)

We give the following rules for the benefit of any who want to exhibit early and perishable fruit—(24.) Most of the fruit exhibitions, as well as the smaller township and county fairs are held at a time when nearly all of the small fruits are out of season.

In the collection put up for Paris and Buffalo were glass jars of various sizes, with large mouths and glass stoppers were used, but for less pretentious exhibitions the ordinary glass fruit jar should answer the purpose well.

For the benefit of those interested in exhibiting fruit at the fall fairs, as well as the many inquirers we have from time to time, wanting to know how the fruit are kept, we give the following brief directions for preserving fruits in this way.

The fruit should be carefully selected, and if possible shown on the branch just as it grows. This prevents it from being bruised, and also keeps it about a central twig so that each berry stands out separately.

Usually most of the fruit is packed in a cool, dark cellar till the time of the exhibition. Care should be taken to avoid all the things mentioned below are those recommended by Dr. Saunders, of the Ontario Agricultural Experiment Station.

FLUID NO. 1. Formula (Formaldehyde), 1 pound (16 oz); water, 45 pounds; alcohol 5 pints. Allow the mixture to stand, and should there be any sediment, pour off the clear liquid and filter the remainder.

FLUID NO. 2. A solution of zinc chloride in the proportion of 2 per cent. Dissolve 1 pound of zinc chloride in 15 pounds of water, agitate until dissolved, then add one and two tenths pints of alcohol.

FLUID NO. 3. A solution of zinc chloride in the proportion of 7 per cent. Dissolve 14 pounds of zinc chloride in 150 pounds of water, agitate until dissolved, then add one and two tenths pints of alcohol.

FLUID NO. 4. Sulphurous water, 1 pint; water, 8 pints; alcohol, 1 pint. Allow the mixture to stand, and should there be any sediment, pour off the clear liquid and filter the remainder.

FLUID NO. 5. Raspberries, red—No. 2, boric acid; No. 1, formalin. Raspberries, white—No. 4, sulphurous acid; No. 3, zinc chloride.

FLUID NO. 6. Currants, red—No. 1, formalin; No. 2, boric acid. Currants, white—No. 4, sulphurous acid; No. 3, zinc chloride.

FLUID NO. 7. Apples, green or less red—No. 2, boric acid. Apples, white or yellow—No. 4, sulphurous acid; No. 3, zinc chloride.

FLUID NO. 8. Peaches, apricots, nectarines or quinces—No. 4, sulphurous acid; No. 3, zinc chloride.

FLUID NO. 9. Grapes, red or black—No. 1, formalin; No. 2, boric acid. Grapes, green or yellow—No. 4, sulphurous acid.

Report on the Fruit Crop Furnished by Various Shippers. We are in this issue giving fruit crop reports from different sources for the benefit of our readers. While these are compiled chiefly by shippers, they are in a certain degree correct, but for the reason given that they give the situation from the standpoint of the commission agent who is not always unselfish we commend their persons to the farmers and expect the latter to use their own judgment.—Ed.)

Simons, Shuttlesworth & Co's Apple Crop Report. Our representatives finished their annual trip through the apple-growing districts, and the following is a summary of their investigations.

Poultry in Summer.

The following practical poultry advice is given by Mr. F. C. Hare, Chief of the Poultry Division of the Dominion Department of Agriculture. SALE OF PULLS—It is most profitable to dispose of old hens before the moult period.

European apple crop are misleading and dangerous; while it is comparatively small there are a good many apples in some districts. Present indications are for a large crop in the United States and Canada.

The only section of the United States where there will be a material shortage in the Middle West. The Far West and the Northern growing apple States, will have an abundant crop of excellent quality.

The only spot in Canada where the fruit is not bright this year, and is a belt comprising five or six counties in South-Western Ontario. The shortage from the pullets will be more than counterbalanced by the large crop of good fruit in other parts, especially in the West.

General trade conditions in Europe are not bright this year, and it will be well for shippers to keep this fact in mind when buying for export. The long experience and intimate knowledge of the fruit trade, as well as their unexcelled facilities for handling large quantities of apples, give Messrs. Simons, Jacobs & Co., Glasgow Messrs. Simons, Shuttlesworth & Co., Liverpool; Messrs. J. B. Lutten & Son, Hamburg; and Messrs. August Despres, Paris, France, an advantage possessed by none.

We shall be glad to furnish our shippers with the latest and most reliable market information obtainable. SALE OF CHICKENS.—From eleven cents to twelve cents a pound live weight is offered in Toronto and Montreal for chickens weighing over five and a half pounds each.

CRATE-FATTED CHICKENS.—The increased consumption of chickens in Canada is due to the improved quality and appearance of the chickens that are offered for sale. This improvement has been established through the business of crate-fattening chickens introduced by this Department of Agriculture, and to the methods of fattening used by the growers.

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INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION. In many, if not in all respects, the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition for 1903 will be greater and grander than any of its predecessors.

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Jokers' Corner.

WITH A RECOLL. The clever young man was wandering up and down the platform of the railway station, intent on finding an empty carriage in the express which was almost due to start. His search was in vain. Still it is difficult to disappoint a clever young man when he has set his mind on getting something. An idea occurred to him, and, assuming an official air, he strolled up to the man in charge and cried in a stentorian voice: "All change here; this carriage isn't going!" There were screams and low but deep from the occupants of the crowded compartment; nevertheless they scurried out of the carriage and passed themselves away in other parts of the train. The smile on the face of the young man was childlike and bland as he settled himself apaciously in a corner of the carriage and lit a cigar. "Ah!" said he, "it's a grand thing for me that I was born clever." 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