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Reeping Winter Apples.

A correspondent of the Ohio Farmer writes that the result of twenty years' experience in keeping apples may all be summed up in a few words, viz.: Keep them dry, cool, and entirely shielded from the external air. After trying numerous experiments, I have finally adopted the following method as being the cheapest and most expeditious:

I commence gathering winter fruit about the first of October, and finish, if possible, by the 20th of the same; leaving those kinds least affected by the frost and which are most tenacious of the parent stem till the last. Hard frosts are injurious to apples for late keeping. After the dew is off, and the apples become dry in the merning, I commence picking with the hand, and put them immediately and carefully into wellmade flour barrels, made expressly for the purpose-they should be air-tighthead them up, lay them down on their sides, and when done gathering, wheel them to an outhouse or open shed, where I let them remain until severe weather sets in, when they are taken into the cellar, and remain undisturbed till wanted for the market.

It would be better to take them under shelter each day as they are picked, to prevent the sun from shining on the barrels; for, as I said before, the whole secret of preserving apples is in keeping them as dry and cool as possible without freezing. Apples should be picked only in dry weather. I have a cellar expressly fitted up for keeping apples, as it will not do for the cellar to be warm enough to keep other vegetables. It must be well ventilated. I have my cellar windows open through the winter, unless in very severe weather; and when warm weather approaches, I close them through the day and open them at SADDLE AND HARNESS MAKER, night. When the air is warmer on the outside than in the cellar I keep all closed up tight; and vice versa.

I never repack or open my apples, for in so doing it lets in a new agent of decomposition; the air that is fixed in the barrels becomes in a great measure deprived of its decomposing properties.

Having a scanty supply of barrels last fall at gathering time, I had a lot of old salt barrels recoopered, making them nearly air-tight. Into a part of these I put winesaps. On opening them in the spring, I found they had kept one hundred per cent. better than the same variety that were put in other barrels, which I attribute to saline influences.

A very great error of managing apples used to be, and still is, practiced by many fruit-growers; that is, putting apples in bins or on garret floors to go through the "sweating process," leaving them until they become shrivered before putting them away in their winter quarters. Thus the apple loses its flavor as well as its vitality; for the aroma that escapes from the apple by being thus exposed to the warm atmosphere is nothing less than minute particles of the apple itself.

I have observed that late-keeping apples, as a general thing, have thicker rinds than those that mature earlier. This is peculiarly the case with the Roxbury russet. If I am correct in this observation, it is a strong argument in favor of close keeping; for the rind serves as a protection against the escape of the aroma of the apple, and consequently against the effects of the atmosphere. There is no apple with which I am acquainted that emits a

greater odor than the the Summer Queen, and none more frail.

Breeding Fast-Walking Horses.

It is often said, in defence of the heavy premiums given to trotting horses at fairs, that speed is a legitimate part of agricultural improvement. Granting that this is so, we ought to encourage fast walking as well as fast trotting; for, of the two, a horse which will get over the ground rapidly on a walk is a much | Commission Merchant more valuable animal on a farm than the one which will go its mile in 2:40. There is no greater proof of the humbug of the excuse given for the encouragement fast horses receive at fairs than the utter ignoring of premiums for good walking horses. As one of the holiday adjuncts to a fair we have never had the objections to speed trial that some have; but beyond this we like to see the true interests of agriculture served as well as to have a few days of frolic, and the enwill do this.

In connection with this oversight on the part of agricultural fair committees, the following remarks of a contemporary on the breeding of good walkers will not be inappropriate:

abomination. Who has patience with such a horse? If you ride him or drive him he exhausts your patience. If he is used to plough, or harrow, or go on the road, he moves along at a snail's pace. He does only about half the work of the rapid walker. If time is money, you make money, because you save time by having a horse that walks fast. Breeders should pay attention to this matter. In selecting a stallion to breed from, by all means select one that can walk fast. A slow walking stallion will generally likely to get slow walking colts; while the stallion that has a long, rapid, spirited stride will be likely to beget colts with a similar action. Then there is a great deal in breeding to a horse with ed horses will beget cold-blooded colts. The nearer you can approach the thoroughbred, even for obtaining a fast walker, the better. There is game there, and spirit, and endurance, and stamina, and style. There are the neat, smal ears, the capacious nostrils, the large lungs and chests, the well developed muscles, the bones as dense as ivory. Even for walkers, then, get the nearest to thoroughbred possible, and the same for trotters, and of course the same for runners. You have then horses fit for any company, and for any purpose-to haul the plough, or buggy, or carriage, or to carry you upon their backs. Breed large, fine mares to thoroughbred horses, and you will get colts that you will not be ashamed to have your friends see."

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