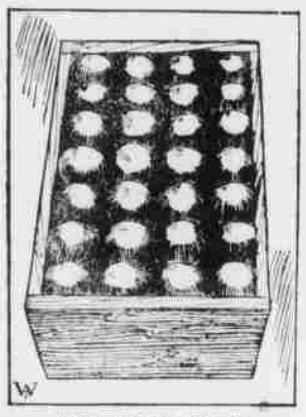
Farm and Garden

THE APPLE PACK.

Points in the Progressive Methods of Hood River.

To assist those apple growers who want to put a better pack of apples on the market the Oregon experiment station has issued some information that includes suggestions from the progressive methods of the famous Hood river apple growers. Most of the fruit of this region, it appears, is packed in what is known as the standard box, which measures in inches 10½ by 11½



FOUR TIER (112) STRAIGHT.

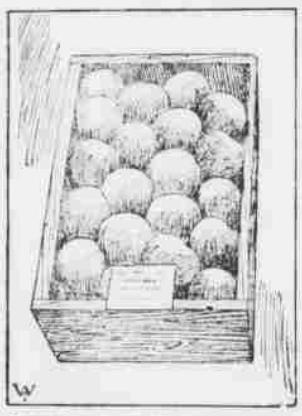
by 18, but to accommodate certain apples a special box is used which is longer and a trifle narrower, being 10 by 11 by 20. These are all inside measurements. Experience has shown that as regards thickness of material the three-quarter inch is the best for ends, three-eighths for sides and one-quarter for top and bottom.

In speaking of the styles of pack the trade in general understands the packs only when designated as straight or diagonal. Many people prefer to designate the packs as three, three and one-half, four, four and one-half or five tier.

In the straight pack the rows run straight across the box, parallel to the edges. This pack includes all the three, four and five tier apples. The straight pack is very neat in appearance, but it is rather severe on the fruit, as each apple tends to be pressed firmly against surrounding apples rather than into the spaces. Some packers place the apple on its side, others pack with the stems up, while some have the calyx up. The best packs should always have the bottom and top layers with stems toward the outside. In this way the apples do not tend to bruise as badly.

The four tier consists of four rows across the top and four deep, including the 96 (six tiers long), the 128 (eight tiers long) and the 112 (seven tiers long).

The diagonal pack, or diamond pack, as it is often called, is so termed because the rows run diagonally with the edge of the box. Its chief advantage is that it accommodates sizes that do not adapt themselves readily to the straight pack, although in some cases we find that the diagonal contains the same number of apples as certain straight packs. The diagonal pack contains the half tiers, such as three and one-half and four and one-half. One of the advantages of the diagonal pack is that it allows the apples to adjust themselves more readily to the space



THREE AND ONE-HALF TIER, DIAGONAL.

in the box, for when the pressure is brought to bear the apples tend to find spaces, whereas in the straight packs each apple is brought up firmly against its neighbor.

In the three and one-half tier we find that more than three full rows and yet not four full rows are needed to fill the box. One can readily see that a good many apples would come in this class, and more different packs are being used with the three and a half than with any other.

Gray Wolves.

Gray wolves are doing much damage in the upper Ruby valley, Montana, attacking not only the cattle, but young horses, according to the Country Gentleman. One man has lost twenty cattle. Wolves are also numerous in the Madison valley.

Southern Pastures.

While very little attention has been given to the development of the southern pastures, it is demonstrated on farms throughout the south that an unexcelled pasture can be maintained for at least eight months in the year.—B. H. Rawl.

ABSENCE OF MIND.

A Funny Story About Ampere, the Famous Mathematician.

You all know the old joke of the professor who, pondering over the saying that in a railway accident absence of body was a good deal better than absence of mind, went to the nearest railway station and tried to take a ticket "for the nearest railway accident," so as to have the matter proved to his own satisfaction. You doubtless know the story, too, of the professor of mathematics whose new parlor maid told him when he rang at his own door that Professor Jones was out. "I'll call again, I'll call again," he said and went away.

But these are stories merely. Here, however, are some incidents from real life: Ampere was remarkably absent-minded. Hundreds of stories of his absentmindedness are told, but quite the funniest is that of his dinner at the house of M. Fontanes, the grand master of the University of Paris. For a joke somebody had told Ampere that he must go to the dinner in his academician's uniform of green and gold and girt with his sword. When he got to the house he was very much annoyed to find everybody else in ordinary evening dress. "I will get rid of the sword at all events," he said to himself and slipped it behind the cushions of a sofa. After dinner Ampere forgot himself, as usual, and became lost in abstruse calculation. He took a little piece of chalk out of his pocket and began working out problems on the black satin cover of the mantelpiece. He became so absorbed in what he was doing that all the guests left without his noticing them, and when he wrote down Q. E. D. no one was left in the room except Mme. Fontanes, and she unfortunately sat fast asleep on the sofa where Ampere's sword lay hidden.

Ampere went down upon his knees and pulled gently at the sword, so as to get it away without waking the lady. He pulled and pulled, and presently the sword came out—without the scabbard. At this moment Mme. Fontanes awoke and alarmed the house with her screams of terror at seeing a man on his knees before her with a drawn sword in his hand.

But mathematical professors have not the monopoly of absentmindedness. La Fontaine, whose fables are the delight of adult Frenchmen and their children's earliest task, went to the court of Louis XVI. to present a copy of his fables to the king. And he forgot the book. Fortunately, the king knew La Fontaine, his fables and his foibles and gave him a thousand pistoles (about $2250). Unfortunately, though, La Fontaine left the money in his hired carriage on his way back to Paris.

But the prettiest piece of absentmindedness of which I have ever heard was that of Professor Pozzi, who asked a lady who was bewailing the fact that she had no children whether she thought the failing was hereditary. This is even more amusing than the delightful answer made by the engineer of the Seine tunnel, M. Berlier, to a servant who told him when he went to call upon his lawyer that that gentleman had died that morning. "Oh," said M. Berlier, "dear, dear, I'm so sorry. But tell him I won't keep him a minute."—St. James' Gazette.

Oil Wells at Sea.

The whale is by no means the only source of marine oil. Though little known to fame, the humble menhaden yields oil and fertilizer worth $1,000,000 a year, giving employment to 1,800 fishermen and 1,000 employees of fifty factories. The people who are so profitably engaged in slaughtering 700,000,000 of these fishes every year naturally claim that they were created providentially for the express purpose, since they are not fit for food, and yet the supply seems inexhaustible. No one knows whence they come or whither they go. All we know is that every spring vast schools of them appear in the gulf of Mexico, heading north in closely packed masses, near the surface, utterly incapable of either defense or escape. All that is needed is simply to scoop them up with big seines.—Brooklyn Eagle.

A Costly Autograph.

At a charitable sale in Paris once Baron Rothschild stopped at a stall conducted by Gyp, and the fair literateur addressed him with the usual request to buy something.

"What am I to buy?" said the baron. "You have nothing at all suitable for me. But I have an idea. I should like to have your autograph. Sell me that."

Taking a sheet of paper, the lady wrote upon it, "Received from Baron Rothschild the sum of 1,000 francs for the benefit of charity. Gyp."

Baron Rothschild read it, thanked her and, handing her a note for the amount named, went away delighted with the lady's ingenuity.

The Daughter Balked.

"I thought," said old Groucherly, "that I could save money by refusing to give my consent to my daughter's marriage with young Huggins, but it's no go."

"What's the trouble?" queried the friend of the family.

"She declines to elope," explained the old man, with a large, open faced sigh.—Chicago News.

His Scheme.

Snoggs—My daughter is going to marry young Scroggs. Boggs—Why, I thought you hated him. Snoggs—I do. This is a scheme of mine to have my wife become his mother-in-law.—Cleveland Leader.

Hear one side and you will be in the dark. Hear both sides and all will be clear.—Haliburton.

Too Much to Expect.

Camp Meeting John Allen, the grandfather of Mme. Nordica, was for many years a picturesque figure among the Methodist ministers in the state of Maine. He was a good deal of a wag, and his utterances were much appreciated by both saint and sinner. At one time, having gone to Lewiston to attend a quarterly meeting, he was approached in the street by several young men who were evidently out for a good time. "Camp Meeting John," said the spokesman, "who was the devil's grandmother?"

"The devil's grandmother," replied the old man in the quick, sharp tone so characteristic of his speech, "the devil's grandmother—how do you suspect me to keep your family record?"—Cleveland Leader.

Peanut Meal Bread.

Peanut meal has been for a long time a staple article in the dietary of the poor classes in Spain. Bread made from pure peanut meal is light and porous, but it is said to be unpalatable because of a persistent, peculiar taste. Rye bread containing 25 per cent of peanut meal cannot be distinguished from ordinary rye bread, while far more nutritious. Skim milk cheese is the only ordinary article of diet comparable to peanut meal in its percentage of nitrogenous matter.

All Alike.

Visitor (in country village)—Well, it's a simple thing to elect a man surely. Choose the cleverest man. Villager—There isn't one, unfortunately.—Meggendorfer Blatter.

A bar of lead cooled to about 300 degrees below zero gives out when struck a pure musical tone.

LEGAL NOTICES.

North Carolina, Randolph County,
Superior Court.

Rachel Lamb et al
vs.
Mary E. Jarrell, ..., Walls, husband of Lizzie Walls deceased, Henry Walls, Cora Walls, Marilla Wilkinson, ... Wilkinson, husband of Marilla Wilkinson, et als.

..... Walls, husband of Lizzie Walls deceased, Henry Walls, Cora Walls, Marill Wilkinson, ...Wilkinson husband of Marilla Wilkinson, and any and all other heirs at law of Robert J Jarrell, Sarah E. Jarrell and John M. Jarrell deceased, names, if any unknown, defendants in the above entitled action, and having an interest in the lands of the parties to this action, will take notice that action entitled as above has been commenced in this Court for the purpose of selling the said lands for partition among the heirs, and the said defendants will further take notice that they are required to appear before the Judge of our Superior Court at a court to be held for the county of Randolph, at the Court House in Asheboro, N. C on the 13th Monday after the 1st Monday in Sept. 1907, and answer or demur to the petition in this cause, or the plaintiffs will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said petition.

This the 22 day of Oct. 1907.
W. C. Hammond, Clerk Superior Court.

MORTGAGE SALE.

Pursuant to a mortgage deed executed on the 30th day of January 1906, by C. C. Childress and L. L. Childress his wife, of Randolph County and State of North Carolina, parties of the first part, to T. C. Hicks of Randolph County and State of North Carolina, party of the second part, and the same being filed for registration in the office of Register of Deeds of Randolph County, State of North Carolina, on the 12th day of February 1906, at 9 o'clock a. m., and duly recorded in Book No 109 Page 382, default having been made in the payment of the same, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, at the Court House door in Asheboro Randolph County, North Carolina, on Monday December 2nd 1907, at 12 o'clock p. m. the following described tract of land in the County of Randolph, State of North Carolina in Trinity Township, adjoining the lands of Joseph Welborn, J. J. White and others, and bounded as follows, viz: Beginning at a stone, J. A. Welborn's corner; th nce North 178 poles to a black oak in J. J. White's line; thence East 64 poles to the Uharrie; thence with the meanderings of Uharrie River 250-1-2 poles to Fisher's Mill lot the old west bank of Uharrie River; thence North 88 degrees West 17 poles and 10 links to a sycamore; thence South 28 1-2 degrees West 42 poles and 20 links to a stone Fisher's corner; thence West 86 poles to the beginning containing 135 acres more or less.

This Nov. 1st 1907.

T. C. HICKS, Mortgagee.
W. D. WELBORN, Assignee.

RE-SALE OF LAND

By virtue of an order of resale granted by the Superior Court of Randolph County on the petition of Elijah Moffitt, administrator of Sallie J. Blair deceased, against Wm J. Blair et al. I shall sell at the Court House door in Asheboro, N. C. at 12 o'clock m. on the 26th day of December 1907, the following real estate, to-wit: A tract of land in Trinity Township, in said county, adjoining the lands of W. G. Brokaw and others, bounded as follows: Beginning at a hickory on R. E. Blair's line, thence North 14 chains to a stone, thence West 2-1-2 chains to a stone at a line, thence South 14 1-2 degrees West 4 chains and 50 links to a stone by R. E. Blair's line, thence East 4 chains and 12 links on said line to a stone, thence South 2 chains to a stone, thence south 49 degrees East 8 1-2 chains to a white oak near the road, thence South 3 chains and 50 links to the beginning containing 3 acres more or less.

TERMS: One-third cash the remaining two thirds on a credit of six months the purchaser giving bond and approved security therefor, and the title reserved till the further order of the court. Interest on deferred payment from date of confirmation.

This 21st day of Oct., 1907.

ELIJAH MOFFITT, Comr.

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore known and existing under the firm name of the Farmer Supply Company, dealers in general merchandise at Farmer, in the county of Randolph, is hereby this day mutually dissolved, G. T. Macon purchasing the business and continuing the same. All debts, obligations and liabilities of the firm are assumed and are to be paid by G. T. Macon, and all accounts owing to the firm should be paid to him.

Given under our hands and seals, this the 10th day of October, 1907.

G. T. MACON, (Seal)
L. M. KEARNS, (Seal)

NOTICE.

Having qualified as administrator on the estate of M. F. Spencer, deceased, before W. C. Hammond, Clerk of the Superior Court of Randolph County, all persons having claims against said estate are notified to present them to the undersigned, duly verified, on or before the 8th day of October 1908, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery; and all persons owing said estate will come forward and make immediate settlement.

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