METHODS of Apple Packing Discussed at Length—Prices Depend Almost Entirely Upon the Standard of the Pack-Should Be Uniform in Size-Boxes Shoulud Be Thoroughly Filled to Prevent Bruising.

the difference in average calliper be- attention is paid to turning the apples tween the largest and the smallest of one pack should not be more than well colored on one side, but not on middle and the apples at the ends one-sixth. To a person not familiar the other, so that part of the color will be crushed. The pack should be with handling apples this way seems side may be seen. It greatly im- so even when finished that when the unnecessary, but it is very import- proves the appearance of a box of lid is nailed on it touches every apant for more than one reason. In the first place, it is far easier to pack a side and green on the other one is box of apples and make a good and turned with the red side out and the solid pack, where all are nearly one other with the green side out, it size, than where there are all sizes. The dealer, especially the confectioner, demands uniformity in size on account of retailing in nickels and dimes worth, but most of all does it appeal to the eye of the purchaser. Take two boxes of apples, one of large and one of smallones, the apples in each being uniformly sized ples in each being uniformly sized and packed, then take two other boxes of the same variety and quality and of the same sizes, and in the the shape as well as the size has a commodations and small amounts of last two the large and small are mixed and see if most purchasers would not be willing to pay from 10 edgeways, but that will be discussed and to 20 per cent more for the ones that later. are uniformly sized, than he ones that are not. Whatever the purchaser demands, the dealer demands, and that is what the producer must put on the market.

Art as Well as Science

"There is fully as much art as box will add greatly to the appearance and attractiveness of it. Take they will have when they are laid so that you can see part of the cheek. It is not faking to make the pack look attractive as long as it is not faced with a better grade of apples than what is in the middle. A rough, dirty or poorly put up box does a great deal towards spoiling the appearance of the very best of packs and, on the other hand, a neat box does everything towards improving it. A neat package, uniformly in color and size, a tight and regular pack and a well filled box, is the only way to put apples on the market.

J. A. Fossom, inspector of a fruit association, who describes the method here related, is of the opinion that the style of designing the pack, or rather the size of the apple, by tier such as three tier, four-tier, and fivetier is not the best to use. Instead of the size is designated by the number of apples to the box. This latter system is by far the most practical, as it gives the size more accurately when they are uniform, for instance,96,112, 128, 144 are all four tier apples. A different sizes are packed as folfew have objected to this system on lows, in the various styles: account of having to count the apples, but the apples count themselves, deep and four in length. This size as there are only certain numbers may be packed in a square pack, but that can be packed, and after one gets familiar with those unmbers for better. packs, he will find it a great advan-

Three Different Shapes.

The Different Shapes.

Elongated is an apple that calipers as much or almost as much from the stem end to the blossom end as it the lower end. There is no certain the lower end of the blossom end as it does the opposite way, or perhaps a better way to express it would be to say depth and width. A medium apple enlipers from one-tenth to one-sixth more in width than in depth, and an

the bost nor is it necessary to place themself the same very, as it would be more difficult to hake a depack that way, unless a freey term is wanted for deplay, to this we can pick the right staped apples in

apples to have them uniform color, ple in the tier. and if two apples, both red on one would not look near so well as when both are turned so that both the red and green can be seen. This is perfeetly legitimate as long as the apples in the middle are as well colored ders now in effect between stations and as good in every other way as the of the Southern Pacific company ones on the outside.

### No Certain Rule

apple should be placed in the box, ed or telegraphed direct to the party there is, however, some difference, as | wishing to come here. Sleeper acgreat deal to do with which way they | cash in connection with these tickets should be laid, whether flatways or may also be forwarded at the same

"By square pack is meant that the apples are laid in straight rows across the box as well as lengthwise, the same number of apples in each tier, and that each apple on one tier is placed on top corresponding apple in the tier below it. The square pack there is science in packing apples, is the most simple known and seemand a few touches in finishing up a ingly the most simple to beginners, but the other packs are not any harder to make when one is familiar for instance apples that are colored with them. Still the square pack on one side only and lay them into would be almost exclusively used if the box without regard as to whether all sizes and shapes of apples could the cheek is turned in or to the out- be packed that way. But as there side, and see what a different look are very few varieties of apples that will pack square between the 45 and improved methods. I do tanning, make 96 sizes, and between 112 and 200 sizes, other sizes of packs must be resorted to for intermediate sizes.

"Following are the sizes used mostly in square packs: 36, 45, 50, 96, 112, 128, 144, 175, 200 and 225.

### Different Sizes

Mr. Fossum gives specific directions for packing some of the more common sizes. In the expression "3x3x4" he means that three apples are placed across the end of the box. there are three layers in the box, and that each row lengthwise of the box contains four apples. In some of the diagonal packs it will be noticed that he uses an expression like this, "3x4x -4." This means that three apples are across the end of the box, there are three layers, and that one row lengthwise contains five apples and the next one four; if there were four apples across the end of the box, making four rows, then two of the rows would contain five apples each and the other two four each. The

36-3x3x4, 12 to the tier, 3 wide, 3

of the Alexander types 45-3x3x5, 15 to tier. In this pack

more in width than in depth, and an oblate apple calipers one-sixth or nore in width than in depth.

It is very essential when the box s filled, that the pack is higher in the middle than at the ends, not only in order to hold the apples tight together when the lid is on, but also to nage take up the space made by the shrinkake up the space made by the shrinkpressed hard enough to spring the ottom the same as the top. As the

apples shrink the top and bottom, specially the bottom, will spring back. The crown, when the pack is finished should be about fourths of an inch so when the lid is nailed on there will be a crown of three-eighths of an inch on top and ottom. Under no consideration must the apples be laid loosely in the bix, but every one must fit tight, and when the top tier is finished the apples at the ends should be flush with the Apples should be uniformly sized, to fit tight and fill the bix. If any ends of the box and the crown should rise gradually from the ends to the so as to make the pack look more middle; if to abrupt at the ends the attractive, turn the apples that are lid will not come down tight at the

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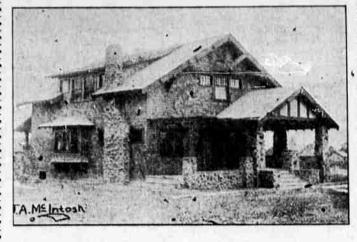
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