MISUSING GRADE NOT PROFITABLE

Misbranding Frequently Occurs Through Ignorance, Rather Than Intent to Cheat.

CAUSES OF IMPROPER GRADING

Specialists Point Out That Grower of Shipper Who Ships Inferior Farm Produce Soon Learns Error of His Way.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.) Sixty per cent of the commercial potato crop in the United States is now bought and sold upon the basis of United States potato grades, according to the bureau of markets and crop estimates, United States Department of Agriculture, and every producer contributing to that quality of graded stock is vitally concerned with the elimination of dishonest grading prac-Growers and shippers whose

honesty cannot be relied upon soon find



This Sack, Labeled "U. S. Grade No. 1," Contained Run Stock Shown in

it difficult to market their crops anywhere, for the news that they are undependable travels quickly in marketing circles. But in its larger aspect as concerning the whole body of producers and shippers who conduct their business on a basis of co-operation with the dealer, the misuse of a grade is a really serious matter for it tends to jeopardize the mutual feeling of confidence which is the very essence

of business dealings. Flagrant Case of Miebranding.

was found placing in sacks labeled Fully 25 per cent of the potatoes in percentage of the remaining 75 per cent would have graded No. 1,

ern city ordered a car of U. S. Grade | the body. No. 1 Round Whites from a shipper in a northern state. Upon arrival, inspecsound and up to the grade requirements in every respect. But the potatoes in the bottom layers of sacks contact with decayed stock, these layers evidently being of stock that had been reconditioned at shipping points. The potntoes had to be resorted at the receiving point, and the shipper suffered a heavy monetary loss.

Blemished Stock Picked Out.

In a trip through the Minnesota potato district a representative of the department recently reported that in one house where a grading machine of the shaking screen type was used the

screen was padded with burlap, leaving only about one and one-half feet of screen at one end uncovered. The manager stated that this was to prevent bruising the stock, and he seemed to be much surprised when it was pointed out that the burlap interfered with the proper sizing of the potatoes.

It was also reported that in some instances shippers were of the opinion that No. 1 stock was procured simply by running the potatoes through a sixing machine. In these cases it was necessary to call attention to the fact that blemished stock must be culled out by hand; also that when there is a heavy run of undersized stock, much of it may be carried over the grade if the potatoes are run through too

Specifications of the federal grades can be had upon application to the bureau of markets and crop estimates, United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. The bureau will also be glad to advise growers and shippers with regard to detailed grad-

IMPROPER CLEANING

Easy Matter to Ruin Appearance of New Automobile.

Lack of Washing or Not Knowing How Will Go Further Toward Marring Finish Than Any Other Thing -Get Mud Off.

You may mistreat the engine frequently before it begins to complain, but the finish can be mistreated once or twice-then there is little left to damage, says William H. Stewart, Jr., president of the Stewart Automobile school of New York. The lack of washing or not knowing how to wash a car will go further toward ruifilng the appearance than any other thing The varnish of a new car is benefited and hardened by washing with clear, cold water, but mud that is allowed to dry upon the body takes the oil from the varnish and leaves the finish mottled and streaky. Dirt is not the only enemy, for gases from the garage and even the atmosphere of some districts attack the finish of the car that is not frequently washed.

"Begin by cleaning the top," says Mr. Stewart. "Take a stiff brush and remove the dust, then either sponge it or use a soft cloth with warm water and pure soap. A chamols kept especially for the purpose will hasten the drying and the top must not be folded until it is thoroughly dry. The upholstery, if of cloth, is best cleaned by sponging with water containing a little salt and alcohol.

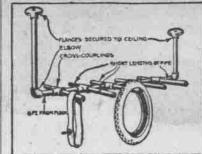
"In cleaning the body, be sure to remove the nozzle of the hose and flow the water over every part of the Several instances of the misuse of body. This will serve to wash off most United States potato grades have come of the dust and also loosen the mud. to the attention of the department. In | In cases where the car is very dirty New Jersey a growers' organization it is best to do this and then let it stand for a few minutes, before going "U. S. Grade No. 1" potatoes that were over it again with the hose. Then actually field run of poor quality. take a soft sponge and follow the hose over the body. If certain portions are each bag were culls and only a small grease spotted these should be washed separately with pure water and castile soap, but except in this one instance soap of any kind should be avoided on

"The road oll and grease that collects on the running gear require diftion showed that the two top layers ferent methods of removal and also of sacks contained stock that was other tools. Special brushes and soap suds will get at the grease in inac cessible corners. In the case of the wheels hubs, care should be used to were badly smeared with dry rot from prevent water and grit working into the bearings."

CONVENIENT RACK FOR TUBES

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