

THE ENTERPRISE.

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Curing Dried Fruit for Market.

The preparation of dried fruits for market depends mostly upon the farmers who dry them, and it is noticeable that when there is a large crop of the green fruit, especially of apples and peaches, the supply of the dried article is also larger, notwithstanding many claim that such is not the case. Most of the fruit is sun dried, though the heat from the stove is also employed, and some fruit is also dried by the Alden process. It is well known that the sun-dried fruit is usually dried and prepared fruit always sells for enough more to pay for the trouble. There are no regular rules governing the curing and selecting, but the following directions will be found useful by all who wish to obtain the best prices: Dried blackberries when ripe, should be nicely dried, (not burned) before packing. If packed before thoroughly dried, they breed worms, and become moldy and unsalable. Dried raspberries always sell better than blackberries, and should receive the same care and handling. For dried apples, select sound fruit, not too ripe. Be sure to have them thoroughly cleaned; let no specks of skin appear on any part, and above all, be sure they are well cored. Dried apples coming to market with specks of skin, or cores and seeds still on, never meet with ready sale at market prices. Formerly when there was a comparatively small quantity of "sliced" apples, they were sold at better figures than quarters and halves, but this difference in value at once led to an increase of the supply, so that now we are overstocked with "sliced," and our prices are less than in former times. Dried apples with more cleanly preserved quarters and halves. About the same rules are equally applicable in drying peaches. Dried cherries with seeds in always sell. They should be carefully picked, and then thoroughly washed in clean water, as possible. "Seedless" cherries belong to the most fancy of domestic dried fruit, and always sell readily at good prices. They require to be carefully dried, without being burned, and packed in the natural state. If mixed with molasses, or "doctored" in any way, it is certain to be detected, and they have to be sold at very reduced prices. Dried plums should be handled in the same manner as cherries. Quinces and pears cut fine, thoroughly peeled and cored nicely, bring fair values. Never mix different qualities in the same package, as if it is always discovered, and the price will be based on the poorest quality in the lot. Barrels are preferable for shipping; and place a distinguishing mark on each package of the different grades. Have them correctly banded on the sides as well as the head. If the above rules are carried out the fruit will class among the best grades, and sell at a difference in price that will amply repay the trouble. Mark plainly the directions on every package, name of article, weight, tare, and forward invoice of what, how and when, shipments are made. —American Grocer.

The Suicide of Abdul Aziz. A correspondent of the London Times gives a romantic account of the suicide of Abdul Aziz. Early on Sunday morning he parted with his women at the harem and shut himself up all alone in his apartment, locking and bolting the two doors which separate the harem from the sultan's apartment. All was silence till about 10 A.M., when the women, who could see their lord from their windows at his toilet, saw him fall on a sofa, and raising an alarm, succeeded by the aid of the persons summoned by their cries, in breaking open the doors, when the Sultan was found lying half across the sofa, with his feet on the floor, in a great pool of blood, and with the traces of recent death. He had, it seems, secreted a small but sharp pointed pair of embroidery scissors with which he was wont to trim his beard, or which he had borrowed from Valide, his mother, for that awful purpose. He had then very diligently cut off his beard close to the skin, leaving only the thick moustache on the upper lip, probably to disarm any suspicion of those who were watching the operation from the harem windows, or possibly to express by that outward sign the sense of his degradation and disposition, and then had deliberately gone to work, endeavoring to cut the veins of both his arms at the elbow, jabbing the scissors with great determination at both arms till he succeeded in severing the ulnar artery of the left arm, inflicting a wound or cut that must needs put an end to his life in ten or fifteen minutes. He then allowed himself to bleed to death like an old Roman hero, till he sank exhausted in the posture in which he was found. His face and body were utterly bloodless, his skin white and scrupulously clean, and no bruise or swelling, no trace of a struggle or violence could any where be discovered.

A THREE MAN. — Show us the young man who can quit the society of the young and take pleasure in listening to the kindly voice of the aged; show us a man who is ever ready to pity and help the helpless; show us the man who never forgets the wants of others with a penance of charity; show us the man who bows as polite and gives the gift as freely to the poor, showing that as the millionaire, who values virtue, not clothes; who shuns the company of men as gatherers at public places to gaze at the fair sex, or make unkind remarks of the passing girl; show us a man who abhors a libertine; who scorns the ridicule of his mother's sex, and the exposure of womanly reputation; show us a man who never forgets for a single instant the deficiency of a woman, as woman, in any condition or class; and you show us a true gentleman.

A house in Belle, Ohio, has this legend on the gate-post: "Nineteen agents have called here this morning. We always shoot the twentieth." No agent has touched the bell-knob since the placard was posted.

A Clackamas county farmer is obliged to chalk up his nose every time he takes a walk round the farm, to save himself from an old bull which has a strong antipathy to red.

The Minnet.

The Centennial celebration has brought many old-fashioned things into vogue again, among others, the minnet—but it is as much out of place in a modern ball-room as a mail-coach would be on a modern railroad. Its time has gone by, never to return. It belonged to that period when it was the fashion to make haste slowly. Even in the past it was considered the most trying dance that could be attempted, and those who succeeded in it were regarded as having won their right to figure among the happy ones upon whom the gods had bestowed the wonderful gift of grace. It required, too, a thorough knowledge of dancing, that was quite another thing from the languid, lazy shuffling that passes current for it in our elegant saloons. Every motion of the hand, of the head, of the arm, of the body, was subjugated to the laws of grace, and a courtly dignity swayed the whole person. The breeding and education of ladies and gentlemen were judged by proficiency in the minnet de la cour.

When a belle of the period "came out," great was the anxiety of her friends and relatives concerning the success with which she would pass through the ordeal of the minnet. The critical and jealous eyes of society was upon her. If she failed, feminine society's nose was turned up at her; if she succeeded, masculine society's heart was laid delightedly at her feet. As nowadays novelists mention horsemanship and kindred accomplishments among the perfections of their heroines, so, in the past, every heroine of fiction was lauded for her skill and grace in the minnet. It was a trying performance, not to be lightly underrated. Now every toy learns to dance the famous minnet, and dances it on all occasions, without fear of consequences. As for grace—well, awkwardness is the rule, grace being left to some happy combination of chances. But elbows pinned to the sides, body held stiffly upright, feet scurrying the floor, and the head remaining immovable, though characteristic of the modern minnet, would not have been tolerated in the old times. The dress of our day is, however, fatal to a complete revival of the dance in its stately beauty. The pink-back effectively prevents the lady from stepping out, and from using her feet with any ease of motion. An ample hoop and skirts of no scanty width are necessary, and, after this, a knowledge of how to raise the feet and put them down again, may be learned, if the learner be ambitious and enthusiastic.

Spelling bees, which went out of fashion here a couple of years ago, have been for several months past the subject of a fever in England. Our English cousins have vanquished us fully in trying these meetings, and into money-getting affairs. The most we ever made was admission money at the door, and the victors in the match usually proudly bore away a copy of Webster's Dictionary. In England, however, hails are liberal, and large money prizes are offered to the best speller, the contestants being charged an entry fee similar to that put up by the backers of horses in a race. The managers, of course, find their profits in these deposits. The most curious part of the whole is that the fact of the money awards being offered has given rise to a new business; that of "champion speller." Several people, who have a fair knowledge of orthography to begin with, have literally examined themselves with dictionary law, so that they are proof against the pitfalls of ordinary catch words. This menagerie, they reverse Dr. Wyatt's hymn, and gather money every day from every opening eye. Their attainments render them easy victors; and one individual who has won the pinnacles of the new profession, says that he makes over a hundred dollars a week by his winnings.

OPPRESSIVE BREATH.—For this purpose, almost the only substance that should be administered at the outset is the concentrated solution of chloride of soda. From six to ten drops in a wine-glass full of pure spring water, to be taken immediately after the operations of the morning are completed. In some cases the odor arising from carious teeth is combined with that of the stomach. If the mouth be well rinsed with a teaspoonful of the chloride in a tumbler of water, the bad odor of the teeth will be removed.

The Norwich Bulletin says: "A medical authority says that a man loses one per cent. of vitality every time he is wakened suddenly from sleep. This is what makes a druggist look so pleasant when he is rung up at two o'clock in the morning by a fellow-citizen who wants to know if he keeps postage stamps."

How would you like to be one of the wine judges at the Centennial Exhibition? All day long attendants are bringing in baskets of wines, and corks are being drawn. Around the table sets the half dozen judges, not under the table, and solemnly perform their difficult task.

THOMAS CHARMAN

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