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THURSDAY.

FROZEN FRUIT.

Our comrade, Daniel Abbott, is given to close observation and useful speculations. Among his fruit experiments he placed on the 23d of December, a box of fruits and vegetables where they would be exposed to the lowest temperature—the fruit in bottles, the vegetables in cans—with the purpose of ascertaining two things—whether the bottles would burst, or the fruit and vegetables be injured in consequence of the frost. Yesterday said box was brought forward and it was found that not a bottle had cracked; and those who tested the fruit were agreed in saying that it could not have been damaged in the least. The vegetables, corn, tomatoes and peas, were heated and seasoned and put to the test by several judges, and the general verdict was ‘Not guilty.’ Some thought the corn had been slightly improved, and on the other hand, one thought the tomatoes had been slightly damaged by the frost, but the general mind was that the vegetables, which had been thus frozen, were as good as any we have had on the table.

The result of this experiment is very satisfactory.—
We have generally been very careful about shipping our

fruit in cold weather, fearing that we should lose both fruit and bottles; but hereafter we shall not be afraid to send it at any time excepting the very coldest weather, and even then there might not be any danger. Our customers too, cannot ask for any better evidence that our fruit is put up in heavy syrup.

The following extract from Lampman and Robinson of Cleveland, Ohio, indicates that another and unwished for experiment had the same fortunate result:

“With reference to the Fruits sent to us last winter which got miscarried and became frozen, we can only say, when they reached us, we took them out of cases and placed them on our shelves which gave them a moderate temperature; though they were badly frozen they gradually yielded to the temperature and so far as we could judge, they suffered no material change from having been frozen except to be somewhat softened. We sold them all, and never heard a complaint.”

Mr. Abbott also states, as the result of his observation, that our preserved fruit improves by age in the same way that wine does. Fruit which has been kept two or three years has a smooth, rich taste wanting in fruit recently sealed.

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Mr. and Mrs. Blood, with their smallest child, arrived last night.

C. A. C. informs us that a box of assorted fruit has been sent to Mr. Swift, foreman of Mr. Bottom's silk-factory.

A letter was received from John S. Freeman the other day, saying that he was meeting with considerable opposition from his father and friends, since his decision to join the Community. His father had called on Dr. Hickok, President of the College, and got him to talk with John, advising him to go through with the College course. Under these circumstances John is somewhat disposed to give up his plan of going through with the present term, which ends the latter part of next month. Dr. Hickok was careful apparently to say nothing against the Community, but remarked that disregarding the family relation "was contrary to his principles."—John says, "Now, I have laid the matter before the Lord, wishing to do what is best, and it seems to me to be his will that I should 'seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness,' the other things (education included) being sure to follow. I have written as though I were talking with you, freely, and I would like to know what you think about my remaining till the end of the term (last of July), under these influences."

A letter was received from Robert J. Hollingsworth of Cincinnati—the man of whom we obtained the new can-making machine—ordering one Corn-Cutter, one Pea-Sheller and 100 doz. cans of strawberries. The whole order amounts to \$660. He also wants the privilege of ordering 100 or 200 doz. more strawberries within a week or two at the same rates—\$4.95 per doz.

A letter has been received from Bottom, Swift & Co.,

expressing satisfaction with the Spooling Machine which Mresss. Inslee & Co. made them. It is thought at Willimantic that if all our machinery is got up in as good style as the Spooler, we shall have an excellent lot of machinery. They wish to have our machinists overhaul and repair one of their present Spoolers, which we are disposed to do.

The sister of Mrs. VanVelzer, Mrs. Smith, with her daughter are here to-day—came yesterday afternoon.

Yesterday fifteen quarts of strawberries were picked from our beds! One year ago yesterday, over 1600 qts. were picked.

Last evening Mr. Olds made a report of his and John Norton's late trip. The amount of their sales of silk, fruit, traps &c., with the orders they obtained, was over \$19,000.

Mr. Noyes's talks on Brotherly Love, and Spiritual Microscopy, were read last evening, and elicited a hearty response.

METEOROLOGICAL.

Thermometer, June 20.

6 A. M. 55. 12 M. 74. 6 P. M. 90 in the sun.

Very beautiful day.

