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## A TRIP WEST.

My object in making the trip, was, in the first place to ascertain what the prospects were, for the coming fruit crop, and secondly, to post myself more thoroughly in regard to Bartholomew's new method of preserving fruits in their natural state. The following is a brief report of my observations in a somewhat hasty trip as far west as Westfield, New York, via. the N. Y. C. railroad: From the Seneca river to the end of my route, I found the apple and pear bloom very abundant, and the universal answer to my inquiries was, that the present prospect of a crop of those fruits, was never better; especially in the first tier of counties along the lakes, and also from other parts, reports are flattering. The prospect of the peach, plum and cherry crop, is not very good except in Orleans and Niagara counties. In the latter it is claimed that the prospects were never better for all kinds of fruit, and the same is claimed for Orleans, but from my own observations I judge that Niagara stands at the head. There are scarcely any peaches this side of Orleans; no cherries, or plums with the exception of a partial crop in the vicinity of Rochester and north of Fairport, near the lake shore. There will be how-

ever, plenty of the common sour cherry beginning with Wayne county, as far west as I went.

In regard to the second object of my trip, I will say that I found Mr. Bartholomew a rather unpretending, modest sort of a man. A genius and a worker; and I judged, scientific in his investigations and discoveries. He generously offered to give me all the desired information, in regard to his new discovery in preserving fruits, &c.

His principal depot and place of operation at the present time, is in Buffalo, with parties who have applied for the right of that city, and who are now testing his system.

Mr. B. does not pretend that he can preserve soft fruits, such as strawberries, raspberries, &c., and keep them in a perfect state longer than a few weeks beyond their natural period of ripening, but fruits of a firm texture and tough skin, may be kept in a perfectly fresh state a year or longer. I saw oranges and lemons in cases, that were subjected to treatment more than a year ago, that looked fresh, and appeared to be perfectly sound. Also a fall apple that was taken from a case of eleven bushels, the first of June. The apples were put in the case the early part of winter, and on being opened were found unchanged. The case was again sealed up, and is to be opened again the first of July. The process of preserving fruit by this method, is simple and cheap. Mr. B., said that five minutes was all the time required, to put through the process

of treatment, a case of apples of the capacity of twenty-five bushels, and I would recommend that some further notice be taken of this new method of preserving fruits, by the O. C.

H. T.

WILLOW-PLACE:—Business moves steadily on. Some excitement was occasioned, yesterday, by Mr. Burland having notified his boarders to quit at the end of this week. He finds he is running behind. G. W. Hamilton and Myron arranged with him to try it a little longer, and plainly tell the boarders how it is, and see if they will not pay more or be content with cheaper board. They now demand fresh beef, roast or steak, once or twice a day.—The tenant-house west of the shop will soon be ready for plastering.—The new-mown hay on the lawn, sends up its pleasing perfume.—G. R. Kellogg brought the much coveted filter, last evening, and it has been located in the cellar. It cost fourteen dollars, expressage included.

Our pond is a great luxury. It is pleasant to fish in, sail on and bathe in; and it also furnishes us a regular nightly concert. Blessed be the music of the mill-pond. These sunny days have made the water very inviting, and bathing after work hours, is becoming highly popular with the young men. The meeting was in part devoted to discussing our relations to the water. The hired men wish to have the privilege of using the pond. J. C. Higgins, Myron and Roswell were appointed a committee to talk with the shop-hands and learn what will satisfy them.

We wish to be liberal and try and gain the good will of all the people in this vicinity. But more on this subject when the committee report. Meantime our young men are exhorted to seek to make bathing an ordinance of worship; not to remain in the water too long; not to be noisy, but modest and quiet; and finally not to make the other sex discontented with a state of things that at present debars them from this luxury, which they enjoy fully as much as men do. It was hoped the women would be patient till a floating bath-house could be erected. The desire was expressed that we might soon have such a building. There was a unanimous feeling in favor of removing the spring-board.

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ON THE MOVE.—Mrs. Higgins moved yesterday, into the room vacated by Mrs. Burnham, and Eliza Burt takes the room occupied the past winter by Sophronia. Mrs. Smith when she comes is to have Eliza's room.

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Mrs. Hyde came yesterday forenoon. Her right wrist that was broken some time ago, she still carries in a sling, and has but little use of her hand.

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It is the warmest day of the season. The mercury stood quite early this morning, at 88 deg. in the shade.

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We finished setting out our tomato plants, 7,550 in number, yesterday. Last year we had only 2,100.