

wrap oranges with skins as thick as sole leather, because it retains the aroma. With a pear, the longer that fragrance escapes the poorer it is. The peach, pear or plum that is wrapped is better than if not wrapped.—Ranch and Range.

### THE SAN JOSE SCALE.

We fear our readers may become tired of seeing this heading in the various farm papers, but we assure them there is reason for a frequent mention of this pest. We know that some men that have orchard stock to sell are trying to belittle the danger, but the danger exists in spite of their efforts to lull the country into a fancied security. The state entomologist of California says that without doubt the San Jose scale is the greatest pest that has ever menaced the orchards of this country. In California it has become so prevalent that it is no longer considered possible to eradicate it. The only thing left to do is to fight it in every orchard and try to grow fruit in spite of it. Spraying has only the effect of keeping down the generations of young ones when they make their appearance on the orchard trees in large numbers. But in the forests where the scale has got a foothold no spraying that will be effective can be done. This should stimulate the horticulturists east of the Rocky mountains to do what they can to prevent the spread of the scale, knowing as we do that once the pest is among our wild trees it will be impossible of extinction. Every state should take energetic measures to protect its borders. We raise troops and spend millions to keep out foreign invaders when they come in the form of men. Why not spend money as freely when it is necessary to repel an insect invasion?

—Farmers' Review.

In nearly all the talk about farming I hear only about the payment in cash. It is quite as important to get the payment of happiness.