

spoils the day interferes with the cherry harvest.

A great diversity of opinion exists as to what are the average profits of fruit growing, but it cannot be denied that the possibilities of the business are far greater than in any other line of farming. A man may raise forty acres of corn and sell the crop for \$500, but it is a common thing for forty acres of fruit to bring ten times \$500. Last year Mr. W. T. Flourney, of Marionville, Mo., sold his apple crop on ninety acres for \$8,000, which was nearly \$100 per acre. This year Joseph Chedester of St. Joseph, Mo., received \$946 for a three acre strawberry crop, after paying all expenses a net profit of over \$300 an acre.

The above instances are cited to show the possibilities of horticulture. No such profits are possible in raising corn and hogs, or any other stock or grain. A single acre of berries often brings in as much money as forty acres of corn. A good ten acre apple orchard will bring in more money, taking