

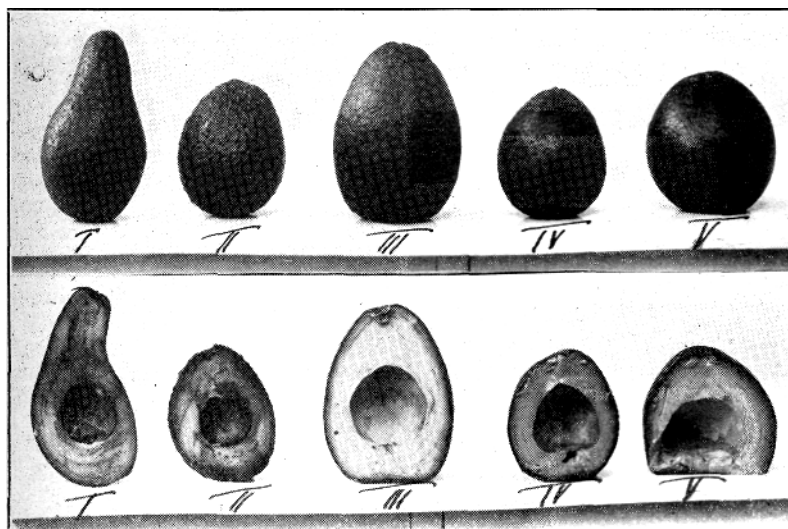
SHIPPING TEST OF AVOCADOS TO LINZ, AUSTRIA

Through the interested co-operation of Mr. James D. Hoffman and Mr. Frank Rothschedl, Mr. George Hodgkin was able to put the Exchange patent process of treating avocados for shipment to a very severe test.

Several good specimens each of Sharpless, Dickinson, Linda, Taft and Challenge were selected and treated. These were carefully packed and delivered to Mr. Rothschedl, who was on his way to visit his parents in Austria.

Mr. Rothschedl left Los Angeles on July 1st during very hot weather. The fruit was carried under his berth in a Pullman car and reached New York at 4 p. m. on July 5th. On the night of July 6th the fruit was placed in the refrigerator on board ship, where it remained until July 15th, when Mr. Rothschedl landed at Bremen. From this time the fruit was carried as hand baggage until July 19th, when it was photographed at Linz, Austria. At that time the Taft and Challenge were soft and were eaten with relish. The Linda was just beginning to soften and was eaten two days later. At the time of the photograph all Sharpless and Dickinson fruits were still firm. Later they softened very nicely, the last Sharpless being eaten on July 30th and the last Dickinson on August 1st, just one month from the time of leaving Los Angeles, having been in cold storage but ten days of that time.

This would seem to indicate that there are great possibilities in so handling avocados as to permit of a very wide distribution.



I. Sharpless. II. Dickinson. III. Linda. IV. Taft. V. Challenge.