the job in this manner and this was the principal factor which contributed to their speed.

The disadvantages in packing several stalks at a time may offset in part the advantages gained. The chief argument given by those organizations emphasizing packing one stalk at a time is that the percentage pack-out (percent number of packed crates is of field crates) is lower if more than one stalk is placed in the field crate at a time and that more work is involved in handling field crates and hauling. Percentage pack-out records were obtained from eight organizations, two of which packed one stalk at a time. These two organizations had a percentage pack-out of 60.7 and 62.4. The percentage pack-out for the six organizations packing more than one stalk at a time ranged from 50.3 to 67.2, and averaged 59.5. Organization N, which had the greatest speed in packing, had a percentage pack-out of 65.2. There appears to be little proof to substantiate the above argument in favor of field packing one stalk at a time.

Fig. 20.—Packing with Box Reversed.
Packing with open side of box toward celery speeds the packing operation.

It is also argued that the stalks are not as well positioned for top cutting if more than one stalk is placed in the crate at a time. The length of 31,622 stalks was carefully measured throughout the 1945 season. Five of the organizations field packed one stalk at a time. There were two organizations that packed more than one stalk at a time but were not included in