PRUNING. BY JOHN H., LONG ISLAND.

form and habit of growth and the uses we require them for, as well as the diversity of the ory will be adapted to all conditions and tastes of the planter. Add to this too many of our horticultural writers are mere theorist, own not an acre, and have no practical experience, and their ideas often derived from reading foreign publications that form the diversity of soil and climate of Europe are not well suited to this country. You may ask if mere theory is worth so little why does the writer put his pen to paper. The reply is very much like the Friends say when they have performed a religious duty, "done for the peace and satisfaction of my own mind."

But about pruning we will take up the apple first. Some writers will tell you to cut off all the limbs half way when transplanted; we say not, for if you do the head will be filled with treble the number of shoots that are wasted to grow, and next year you will have to cut most of them off. Apple trees differ so much in the form of their growth that no rule but good judgment will apply. Some, if they have plenty of good roots, will only need thinning out all the inner branches and twigs, leaving only three or four main limbs, such as you wish to remain and form a good head. We believe the buds of last year's growth are much the strongest on all trees, possess more vitality and it is unwise to cut all the young wrowth off as some do. Having so trimmed the branches with a

reference to the future shape of the tree when first planted, it will need but little trimming again in several years, except to remove young suckers, if any come. Apple trees should be so shaped by prunings that a person can climb with ease through the branches near the body and take his basket with him. near the body and take his basket with him.

This is the ideal of a perfectly shaped tree. lady and a night cap? One is born to wed, and the other's worn to bed. A tree can be trimmed too much for its health and longevity, too many of the little spray and small branches cut away, but it is eldom done. Cherry trees, we generally let alone with the exception of properly shaping the head when first planted and always having reference to the number and size of the roots. And we may remark it is better to stake and tie trees when planted, if deficient in roots, than to mutilate the top of fruit trees too much. In pruning ornamental deciduous trees, we should be governed by the shape we wish them to take. If we want thick bushy trees, that will give a dense shade around the dwelling, then we should cut back blunt reply. severely. The American Elm may be trim-med to a bare pole and so may the Maples, except the Norway, which is dense enough then thinning out the inner branches near the trunk is all that is necessary. Where trees "My dear," said split by the high winds, like the White or Silver leaf Maple, forming them into round neads by cutting one-half back all the leading wide spreading, we may cut out the small away. branches; but we think the beauty of the Larch, especially the European, which is so far superior to the American that the latter should never be planted for ornament, is in its compactness of growth. A Larch that has been trimmed back to one-half of its length of branches, when transplanted, is one of the most beautiful trees for three months we have seen. Evergreens should be purned by the nurseryman before they are sold, and then the planter will have little else to do object in a landscape, but we want but few in our yards. The neat dark green of the Baling top-shoot cut off, will retain their beauty many years.

be changed in form and habit by judicious use of the shears. The tendency of the Fir take my arm?" By cutting off the leading shoot occasionally quite desirable. The Norway Spruce can be made to grow nearly as we wish. By summer pruning one-half of the young growth, i will throw out an abundance of young buds, and in a year or two an open young tree be converted into a very close growing one. Early in the summer is the best time to trim evergreens, or in truth any other tree, if we have time to attend to it, as the wound soon heals over and the buds below will be increased and strengthened. In selecting Spruce trees we should be governed by the form we want them to assume. If for picturesque effect, then select trees of drooping habit, whose limbs sweep down towards the each differs in some way from the other, we can have them, by a little care and pruning, the leader repeatedly they will spread wide over the ground; or by shearing them annually they become round as a top. But Hem-lock bears the shears the best of any of the American Evergreens we are acquainted with, We can form it into a low beautiful hedge,

time, frequently young buds will start beneath. This is frequently necessary to keep the upper branches from extending beyond the low er, as this spoils the shape. Most people want an evergreen to branch low and slope Eda was allowed to go to Sabbath school, gradually and evenly to the top.

There is not as much attention given to pruning shrubs as there should be. Neatness and compactness of form is most compactness. patible to abundance of flowers, and if by frequent cuttings they become deformed or stunted throw them away and plant young bushes. Where one likes variety, some varicties may be trained up to a single stalk, like a tree, all side shoots cut away. We have seen beautiful Forsythia, Philadelphus or Syringa and Weinelle treated in this way or Syringa and Weigelia treated in this way like miniature trees, and they excelled them by her mother's broom. Just as the dirt was by her mother's broom. Just as the dirt was by her mother's broom.

MY PLAN.

SET J. 16. CREIGHTON, IRONTON, O.

Much has been written about pear trees, and a stranger to their habits might think they were a sickly and uncertain kind of tree. I fear that beginners will be discouraged. My plan is to plant and keep planting. If one blights I cut it back, expecting in most instances that it will entirely recover and run

Now I will make a statement tulness begins.

that some of your readers may correct if they After all that has been said about blight, I don't know of any case where it destroyed twenty-five per cent of an orchard of a hundred trees. In most cases only a few. Now shall we be discouraged because a few darlings are blighted. My remedy for Pruning trees like making good bread is an art not to be learned through books and newspapers, but through individual study and experience. Trees differ so much in their small and keep them on hand ready to set small and keep them on hand ready to set out. I don't believe blight is contagious. It quire them for, as well as the diversity of the soil and climate, that it is plain no mere the don't come often, even in the low land.—

Gardener's Monthly.

Humorous.

Why are jokes like nuts? Because the lryer they are, the better they crack.

What thing is that which the more we cut he longer it becomes? A ditch. An unrecognized member of the nobility-The man that is Lord knows who.

What sort of a cravat would a hog be most likely to chose? A pig's tye.

Many a member of Congress, when he is in his seat, is out of his place. Doctors and physiognomists are not disimilar, both being phiz-icians.

THE real champions of the ring-mother with daughters to marry. How sweet to recline in the lapse of ages-

ay about eighteen. Take two letters from money, and there

will be but one left. Some fishermen use cotton for bait; so do

some women. How to make a tall man "short." Borroy

- WHEN is a blow from a lady welcome?-When she strikes you agreeably.

MISERY loves company-so does a mar riageable young woman. A man who courts a young woman in the starlight probably expects to get a wife in a twinkling.

WHAT is the difference between a you

THE following rules are posted in a New Jersey school house; "No kissing the girls in school hours; no lickin the master during helidays.'

A Miller in giving a testimonial to the pro prietor of a powder for destroying verm astounds us with the assertion: "A fortnight since I was full of rats, and now I don't think

"Am I not a little pale?" inquired a lady who was short and corpulent, of a crusty old

"You look more like a big tub," was the

SIR WALTER SCOTT meeting a beggar, who importuned him for sixpence, the great un-known not having one, gave him a shilling, naturally without any assistance from art.

But if they are for avenues or for street plantowe me a sixpence." "Och, sure enough," ing, where a quick, upright growth is wanted, said the beggar, "ane heaven grant you may

"My dear," said a rural wife to her hu are liable to have their branches torn and band, on his return from town, "what was the sweetest thing you saw in bonnets in the city? "The ladies' faces, my love."

"Pa," said a little friend of ours, "what's branches when young will obviate this troub-le. If we wish our Larches to grow tall and they make hogs of themselves?" Pa walked

"Men scorn to kiss among themselves, And scarce would kiss a brother; But women want to kiss so badly, They kiss and kiss each other."

A LABY REPLIES.

"Men do not kiss among themselves, It's well that they refrain; The bitter dose would vex them so They ne'er would kiss again."

BRIDGET'S LEMONADE .- "Bridget! Bridget! why don't you bring up the lemonade?" said but take good care of them. While we ad. Mrs. S., on the Fourth of July, from the top mire the lofty head of the deciduous shade tree with its wide-spread sweeping branches, a neat, compact evergreen suits most persons best. We like sympatry of share work the state of the kitchen stairs. "Why, marm," said Bridget wiping the sweat from her red face with her checked apron, as she put her head best. We like symmetry of shape more than round the staircase partition, "why, marm, we care for exuberance of growth or a great size. An occasional White Pine lifting its head above the surrounding trees is a striking ring it over the fire I've been for the last fif-

sam Fir, short lived though it be, will cause ospher, whose mind washis kingdom expresit still to be planted for immediate effect.

They, if planted in moist soils, and the leadment. "Why you have not room," he said "Why you have not room," he said. "to swing a cat!" "My friend," was the serene, unappreciative reply, "I do not want to swing a cat."

A LEAP YEAR DIALOGUE .- "Miss, will you "Yes, and you too"

"Can't spare but the arm," replied the bachelor.

"Then, "replied she, "I shan't take it, as my motto is go the whole hog or nothing. THACKERAY used to tell of an Irishwom begging alms from him, who, when she saw him put his hand in his pocket, cried out, "May the blessing of God follow you all your life !" but when he only pulled out his snuff box, immediately added: "and never overtake ye."

"JOHN," said a gentleman to his servant, "I am going to church, and if it should rain, I wish you would come with the umdrella for me; however, you need not come unless it should rain downright." The gentler ground. As Spruces are all seedlings, and went. It did rain; but John had gone to the other end of the town to see Mary. His master came back with drenched garments. and to assume the shape we want. By cutting off a look of implacable anger. "John," said "Because, sir," replied John' "it rained slanting.'

TRYING TO DECIDE. - A traveller stoppe American Evergreens we are acquainted with, if pruned in summer while in active growth. swer. Going in, he found a little white-heada round compact tree, its lowest branches ed man in the embrace of his wife, who had resting on the ground like a cone; or we can his head under her arm, while with the other elevate it among the tallest trees, a compeer she was giving her little lord a pounding to the White pine. Pines are pruned by cut-ting off, in summer, one-half or more of the central shoot. If this is done at the proper loud voice, "Halloa, here! who keeps this house?" The husband, though much out of breath, answered: "Stranger, that's what we

are trying to decide." united throw them away and plant young unanswerable. One morning, however she propounded a stunner, which brought down in beauty; but this article is long enough, and even now needs pruning.—Gardener's opher burst forth with, "Ma, ma! why don't opher burst forth with, "Ma, ma! why don't you save the dust to make some more little

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