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Secrets of Transplanting.

A. L. Hatch of Ithaca, Wis., communicates the following timely article to the Germantown Telegraph, which we commend to the readers of the JOURNAL, who are about to transplant trees.

A rule without an exception in transplanting is this: Place the roots in contact with as much soil as possible. This is very important with evergreen trees and all fine-rooted plants or vines, such as strawberries, raspberries, grapes, &c.

The hole may be of proper size, the roots spread out nicely, the finest earth may be used, and the tree shaken well when filling up about the roots, and still they may be flattened together so as to touch no soil except at the top and bottom.

The annual loss in transplanting is very great, on account of not observing the rule set forth. Even professional gardeners and those who pride themselves on their skill in horticulture, make this mistake, and are puzzled to know why some or all of their plants die or grow poorly.

Evergreen trees especially are often lost in planting. Yet they are among the hardiest of trees and are almost certain to grow if properly handled. At transplanting they are in full leaf and of course more susceptible to that account to injury from drying than deciduous trees.

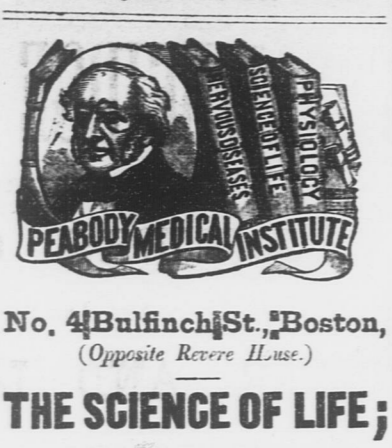
In transplanting fine rooted plants it is not only necessary that the roots be in contact with all the soil possible and in natural position, but it is essential that the crown of the plant is not covered so as to smother the new growth that must start from that point.

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