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APPLE TREES.

First Lands the Best for Orchards.

Some discussion has recently taken place among fruit growers and writers at the West, on the question whether high or low land is best for orchards. The experience of late years has shown that apple trees in many instances have succeeded best, lived longer, and borne better crops, when planted on low, flat and moist land. From these facts the inference has been drawn by some persons that apple trees need a large supply of moisture, and even that drainage is detrimental—and writers who have recommended upland are charged with giving bad advice. The case is not, however, so clear as all this.

Some western orchardists have expressed the opinion that the reason low lands have given the best results, is that the soil has become mellow, and more nearly resembling the manured and cultivated ground of the best managed orchards, and that if manure and cultivation were applied to the orchards on upland, they would give a different and more favorable report.

Whatever the result might be, it is certain that in many places high ground gives as good and often better crops than depressions, and the above mentioned rule should therefore be modified or changed to "always plant on such land as experiment shows to be best, whether it be high or low land." Success depends on the character of the soil, and on the treatment it receives, and not on its depression or elevation. Sterile ridges, where they exist, must either be avoided or else brought into a good condition by manure and cultivation.

Mistaken notions are sometimes adopted on the effect of draining. Instead of making the land dry, it tends to give a more uniform and abundant supply of moisture to growing plants, by creating a hard crust into a medium or porous bed of earth and give it off as wanted. The instances where orchards have been greatly improved by placing tile drains between the rows of trees have fully proved the benefit of drainage.

The preceding remarks apply wholly to apple orchards. Peach trees, on account of the partly tender character of the fruit buds, usually bear best on elevations, in all localities where the crop is liable to destruction in winter. The cold air settles in valleys, and often proves fatal to the buds, while they escape and give good crops on ridges.

## FARM NOTES.

**Timely Hints for Landowners.**  
Use the knife at once on the appearance of black knot on plum or cherry tree.

Rich ground, strong plants and good culture are the surest remedies against lice and worms infesting cabbage.

Do not set out verben plants so that they are too close. Four or five feet should be given to them. They are won derful spreaders.

Some time the summer is none too long for Lima beans. A start of several weeks may be secured for them by planting the seed under glass, or inverted sod, a foot square, transferring them to the garden, when hot weather.

The method by which stumps are removed by petroleum consists in allowing the stump to be completely saturated with petroleum, and then setting them on fire. The method by using saltpeter consists in boring holes in the head of the stump and putting into each one ounce of saltpeter, and after having it become wet and penetrate the substance of the stump, the latter is set on fire, when it will be completely consumed.

The best Western farmers, instead of planting pumpkins among corn, "devote an acre or more to pumpkins and cultivate them with two horse cultivator as long as possible and then let them run." It is a beautiful sight to see a field "all pumpkins," where they lay so close that a man could walk over the whole patch without once putting foot on the ground. They grow better, larger, when earlier, are sweeter and more solid than when shaded by the corn, and can be gathered by driving around and around the field."

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