

Agricultural. Gardening in the Shade. When I was a boy and my father gave me the task of hoeing in the garden or cornfield upon some hot day in July, I would fancy to myself a shady place where I might work in summer weather, and keep perfectly cool. How can I accomplish this? I, to hoe corn under a thick shade of apple trees, or in a deep ravine, where the sun could not scorch with his fierce rays, and where cool refreshing springs would bubble forth from the rocks near by to water my thirsty lips.

Now, in respect to shade, I have found the ideal of my boyhood. I have an orchard near my house, thick and thrifty with apple trees. Former occupants of the place, this is my first year, tell me that the orchard often yields abundantly, but this is only a few among the branches and these are stung by insects, and give little return of the excellent fruit which I would have gathered the place to my attention.

But I want to speak of the shade. In this quality, the trees are not lacking. In fact they seem to be making up for want of fruit in the abundance of leaves. The trees are all the branches full of leaves, the foliage green and luxuriant, shutting out quite of the light of the sun. Finding that the previous occupants of the orchard had neglected the soil beneath us, we have gathered the fruit over lead, of course, (such is the power of example) had the soil ploughed and put to service as a garden. I looked around among my neighbors and found that many of them were planting fruit trees in the shade of their houses, porches, and other buildings. (Such, you, potatoes, beans, squash, and whatever would be called garden sauce; and thus equipped with hoe in my hand and stakes to support it, I proceeded to lay my rows and arrange my plots for a garden in the shade.

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