## The Bloomfield Cimes. Drugs! Drugs!

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FARM AND HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

#### [COMMUNICATED.] Tree Planting.

As the season for planting Truit and ornamental trees and vines is near, the readers of your paper may be reminded that to be successful in growing trees requires reflection and judgment. Many of those who plant trees know better than they practice. A few rules rigidly observed will nearly always secure satisfactory results.

Rule 1st .- Prepare the ground by tilling it, laying it out, and digging the holes to receive the trees early in the season

Rule 2d.—If the ground is dry enough to be mellow, and if the weather is favorable, as soon as the frost has taken off the leaves, get good trees directly from the nursery without allowing the roots to become dry, and plant immediately.

Note.—A good tree is young, smooth in the bark, the stem much thicker at the ground than at the top, the top is low and spreading, with many limbs equally distributed on all sides of the stem .-A straight stem is desirable, but a crooked stem is one of the least objections to a tree for fruit.

Rule 3d .- If you are not well enough acquainted with the varieties of fruit to make a selection yourself, do not trust to transient " tree agents" to do it for youvery few of them know as much about fruit as you do yourself. Consult some trustworthy and intelligent nurseryman, or, better, study some good promological work, and then decide what will suit

Rule 4th .- Never plant a tree that comes to you in a package, which has been opened during its transit.

Note. —Trees can be shipped from Maine to Texas in a good condition, if properly packed; but a half a day's handling may injure the roots of a tree to such an extent as to make it unfit for planting. A bucket of water thrown over a wagon load of trees packed (?) in a little straw, a short time before the agent arrives at the place of delivery, is not conclusive evidence that the roots have been moist during the two or three weeks that they have been on the route. Winter planting is the worst. Early Spring planting does very well. experience leads me to prefer early Fall as the best time to plant fruit trees and vines.

Rule 5th - Plant your trees carefully. Burying the roots in a hole is not ARBOR VITAE. enough.

#### The Teeth of a Horse.

At five years of age a horse has forty teeth. There are twenty-four molar or jaw-teeth, twelve incisor or front teeth, and four tusks or canine teeth, between the molar and incisors usually wanting in the mare. At birth only the two nippers or middle incisor appear. At a year old, the incisors are all visible on the first or milk set. Before three the permanent nippers have come through. At four years old, the permanent dividers next to the nippers are out. At five the mouth is perfect, the second set of teeth having been completed. At six, the hollow under the nippers, called the mark, has disappeared from the nippers, and diminished in the dividers. At seven, the mark has disappeared from the dividers, and the next teeth, or corners, are level, though showing no mark. At eight, the mark has gone from the corners, and the horse is said to be aged. After this time —indeed, good authorities say after five years-the age of a horse can only be conjectured. But the teeth gradually change their form, the incisors becoming round, oval, and then triangular. Dealers sometimes bishop the teeth of old horses; that is, scoop them out to imitate the mark; but this can be known by the absence of the white edge of ename! which always surrounds the real mark, by the shape of the teeth, and other marks of age about the animal.

Spoiling Horses' Feet.

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It is almost impossible to get a horse shod without having the frog cut away. All veterinary surgeons, all horseman, all leading blacksmiths, agree that the frog should not be pared one particle, not even trimmed. No matter how pliable and soft the frog is, cut it away smooth on all sides and in two days it will be dry and hard as a chip. You might as well cut off the leaves of trees and expect them to flourish as to pare away the frog and have a healthy foot. The rough spongy part of the frog is to the foot what leaves are to the tree—the lungs.

Never have a red-hot shoe put upon the foot to burn it level. If you can find a blacksmith that is mechanic enough to level the foot without a red-hot iron, employ him. The burning process deadens the hoof and tends to contract it. If you do not think so, try the red-hot poker

you do not think so, try the red-hot poker on your finger nail, and see how it will affect the growth of that. There are many other important points in shocing horses, but these two are of more importance than all the rest, even to the apprehension of men not skilled in horses, and the two most disregarded.

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