

Girdling Limbs for Fruit.

A correspondent of the Hartford Couran

after giving some directions in regard to the care of fruit trees, removing grass and weeds from the roots, manuring the soil, washing the bodies with soapsuds, adds :

" If you wish to retain the blossoms in the shape of fruit, girdle the limbs. It has been tried and found to be a perfect success. In 1868, Mr. P. R. Russel, then of Bolton, Mass., selected five healthy trees of different varieties, and, when in blow, girdled a large limb on each. Those limbs had double the fruit to be found on either equal parts of the same trees, and the apples were much larger and smoother. In 1860 he repeated the experiment with the same success. The trial was made the same season on Dr. Gove's farm in Bolton, and with a like effect. Mr. Russel, removing to Vineland, N. J., treated his trees in the same way, and was again rewarded with apples large and fair, that clung with tenacious grip to their branches. The philosophy is simple: Insects sting the fruit, which becoming sickly, drops to the ground. In the spring, the sap goes up the woody fibre of the tree, but returns in the bark. Girdle the bark, while the tree is in blossom or soon after, and the sap cannot return till autumn, at which time the girdled parts will have healed: hence the limbs, thus full of sap, will have virtually enough to retain the fruit. The channel around the limbs, made with a penknife, clean through the bark, should be small, about half the width of a pipe-stem."

12 The London Lancet, which is authority on such subjects, gives the following unique cure for bone felons: As soon as the disease is felt, put over the spot a fly-blister about the size of your thumbnall, and let it remain for six hours, at the expiration of which time, directly under the surface of the blister, can be seen the cone or nucleus of the felon which can be instantly taken out with the point of a needle or a lancet. STOLEN AND A STOLE

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