



Agricultural.

Practical Hints to Amateurs.

BY "AN OLD DIGGER"

Grafts may be cut now as well as later in the winter. If more convenient to you - keep them in a cool place, half buried in earth or sand, till you want them. If not wanted till spring, bury them out of doors with only a couple of inches of the points exposed, and throw two or three inches of litter over them.

Strawberries will produce good crops in open winter quarters in the Northern States; but they will bear much better and much larger fruit, if you cover them lightly with straw, salt-hay or stable litter; otherwise you are likely to have them die, to find half the plants dead or injured by being "thrown out in the spring."

You may transplant, at winter, when the ground is not frozen - only take care not to expose the roots to frost, while it is covered with soil. In winter-planting, it is best to pile up a mound of earth six or eight inches around the trunk of the tree. This keeps it steady, and protects it, partially against severe frost.

If you are very anxious to be ahead of the public in the immense superiority over every other establishment in the world; or that offers hundreds of varieties of "splendid, pre-eminent, and delicious" fruits, not to be found elsewhere - or challenges competition or accuracy. Where there is so much modesty in boasting, there must be great difference in sending you anything but what the dealer knows to be fit to raise; and you must be aware, yourself, that there are now hundreds of first rate fruits. If you send to a nursery for a new variety of tree, or plant, don't expect to see a plant as high as your head, or the tree fit to bear a bushel of fruit. Be content if it is healthy, has a good root, and is a foot high. People "in the trade" can't afford to send you large trees full of grapes or cuttings, of sorts which are as scarce as guano, and which have not been long enough in the country to enable them to get more than one year's growth. If you want "big trees," order the good old standard sorts.

When a tree brought from a distance has been a long time out of the ground, and looks quite dried up, don't plunge it into a tub of water; that would be well nigh as fatal as giving a gallon of a single drink, to a man nearly dead of thirst. Moisten the roots, and after shortening the branches severely, bury the whole tree in the ground for three or four days.

When you prune a small branch of a tree, always see that a bud is left opposite the cut; this will help it to heal over quickly, and will assist the matter still more, by making the cut always a sloping one. If you are obliged to plant trees in the rub but worn-out soil of an old garden, and you have not time nor means enough to cast away part of the old soil and replace it with new, you can recover its fertility by throwing part of it up in heaps, mixing it with brush, faggots, saw-dust, or any sort of cheap fuel and burning it.

Don't let insects of various kinds overrun your orchard or garden, and then let them surely fold your arms and say, "it's of no use, this trying to raise things, now that so many vermin are about." Spend three days, industriously, in the early stage of the matter, in putting down the ravages, and then look around you and see if a little industry is not better than grumbling.

If you want early vegetables, set yourself in winter, about making some boxes to protect them. A few cheap boxes, a foot square, with a pane of glass in the top, to put over tender things at night, will cost you but a trifle, and will give you ten days start of the open ground.

To have good currants, gooseberries, or raspberries, the old plants should be dug up at the end of three or four good crops, and their places supplied by young ones - If you plant a few cuttings of the two former, as you should do, every spring, you will always have a good supply of plants ready at all times; always cut out the eyes (buds) of a cutting, on that part which goes in the ground - otherwise you will be troubled by their coming up year after year, in form of suckers.

If you have a tree that grows "apoc," but won't bear, dig a trench round it, and cut off a third of the roots. This will check its growth and set it about making fruit-buds.

Never buy fruit trees in the "market-places," of unknown vendors, who have no character to lose. You cannot tell by examining the article, whether they are yours or not; and you get your tree at half price, only to wish, when it comes to bear, that you had gone to an honest dealer and paid ten times as much for something worth planting. "Hog Pench" trees are done up as a penny tree "George the Younger" at a dollar.

If you don't love flowers yourself, don't quarrel with those who do. It is a duty in your nature which you ought to be sorry for, rather than those who are more gifted. Of what possible use, in the rainbow, we should like to know? And

NEW GOODS.

L. POST & Co. have just received a choice assortment of all kinds of... (text continues with list of goods)

New Goods--at Turrell's.

BOARD LITH, cast-iron, stoves, stoves, stoves... (text continues with list of goods)

STOVES!

PHENIX, ANTI-FRUIT, and other stoves... (text continues with list of goods)

FALL GOODS.

BEAUTIFUL... (text continues with list of goods)

CLOTHING EMPORIUM.

Outfitting Establishment... (text continues with list of goods)

The Fancy Department.

... (text continues with list of goods)

SKANS & WATSON.

... (text continues with list of goods)

HVER'S PILLS.

... (text continues with list of goods)

A Nostrum Boy.

A boy was once tempted by some of his companions to pick some of the cherries from a tree which his father had forbidden him to touch. "You need not be afraid," said one of his companions, "for if your father should find out that you had them, he is no kind to be afraid of."

GENERAL REPORT.

120 Fulton Street, New York. (text continues with general report)

Important to Owners of Horses.

... (text continues with information for horse owners)

The Edinburgh Printer.

... (text continues with information for printers)

Let it Work for You.

... (text continues with information for workers)

Weakly Children.

... (text continues with information for weak children)

Six Years Ago.

... (text continues with information for six years ago)

Doctor Yourself for 25 cents!

... (text continues with information for doctoring yourself)

Andrew's Pain Killer.

... (text continues with information for Andrew's Pain Killer)

LOOK OUT FOR FRUITS.

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STOVES!

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Great Scotch Medicine!

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