

TO AGRICULTURISTS.

SHADE TREES.—A correspondent of the *Germania Telegraph* furnishes that journal with the following excellent article upon the subject of shade trees, which the editor, who is "booked-up" in such matters, fully endorses:

The autumn is upon us, when we may take a leisure moment and look round our homes for a spot to place a shade tree. It may be safely assumed that farmers plant too few trees about their dwellings and out-buildings. I propose to offer a few brief notes upon some planted by myself about my buildings and lawn. They are the results of my own experience, and may or may not agree with the characters given the trees in the books. My location is upland, and soil a good loam with clay subsoil.

Honey Maple.—This is with me the finest of all deciduous shade trees. A round-headed, densely-leaved, vigorous and healthy tree, with deep green foliage, one of the first to come in leaf in the spring and among the last to drop in autumn, succeeded after frost by hives of the most beautiful colors. It is far superior to the popular *Silver Maple*, which affords no means so dense a shade, and which is liable to breakage of limbs in every high wind. To make a good shade tree of the silver maple, in the country, I think it should have a rich soil, inclined to moisture, and be liberally headed back.

Sugar Maple.—One of the chief beauties of this tree, to me, is in the very graceful appearance it presents with its straight, slim trunk, when surmounted by its dense and regularly formed head of green. Rather slow in growth, late in putting out, but in autumn with foliage of deep orange and red.

Scamp Maple.—A native, and a very pretty tree on a lawn with its scarlet flowers and fruit, but liable with me to persistent attacks of the borer.

The Ashes are not favorites of mine. They are late in putting forth, among the first to drop their leaves, and liable to the borer.

American Chestnut.—A beautiful shade tree, and, like the *American Black Walnut*, worthy of a place in the farmer's yard, both for shade and fruit.

Pautonia Imperialis, of Japan. A few years since a rare tree, and one which has been greatly over-estimated. It is a rapid grower, closely allied in habit and appearance to the *Catalpa*, but becomes a much larger tree. Has a large leaf, with a light blue flower of a peculiar and to me disagreeable odor, but which I see the perfumers have taken hold of in New York, to extract a fashionable scent from.—Like the *Catalpa*, it is late in putting out, and among the first to drop its leaves; accumulates much litter during the season, has an ugly seed pod which hangs on the tree all year, and which presents during half the year a bare-armed, desolate appearance at best.

Sassafras.—One of the prettiest of our small native trees—in truth one of the prettiest of either native or foreign small trees. The suckers which it is liable to throw up, and which have caused most persons to object to it as a lawn tree, I find are easily kept down.

Honey Locust.—A tree of most rapid growth, but with thin foliage, and therefore a poor shade tree. With me it is very liable to attacks of the borer, throws up a great many suckers, and is apt to lose its limbs, in a high wind.

Tulip Poplar.—Slow of growth and difficult to transplant, but one of the noblest of our many noble-looking American trees. In planting trees, a common error we make is to plant them too near the house, or walk, or road, or fence, forgetting to allow for the growth of the tree in after years.

Evergreen.—I have found the *Norway Spruce* one of the most healthy, rapid-growing, and handsome trees, and never much out of place wherever planted.

The Scotch Pine or Fir.—A rapidly-growing, rather coarse-looking tree, but of very fine, dark hue after passing its youthful days.—With me it is liable to lose some of its limbs after a heavy sleet or snow. Being of coarse habit, it looks best at a distance from the house or road.

Silver Fir.—A fine ornamental tree with its horizontal limbs and bright silver foliage.

Balsam Fir.—Very handsome in its youth, but with age, in exposed places, loses its beauty.

Himalayan Spruce.—Perhaps the most beautiful and graceful of all evergreens, but not as great a favorite with me as the *Norway Spruce*.

Our looks upon trees usually speak of evergreens about a house as suggestive of sadness, and as more suitable accompaniments of the aged than of the young. With me they are as emblematic of happiness and as full of pleasant associations as the deciduous tree; while in winter time I can find no object in the landscape so agreeable for the eye to rest upon as a fine evergreen.

I think the value of trees to our surroundings, whether in the matter of health, comfort or beauty, can scarcely be over-estimated. Let us learn our children to plant trees, and to protect and attend to them, and they will the more love the houses which they surround; and when we ourselves have passed away, will they more love our memories for having cultivated in them so useful and so beautiful a taste.

The Best Cherries.—Fall is perhaps the best time to set out young cherry trees. It is not necessary that the soil should be very fertile, and it should not be enriched by strong manures. A rather low, moist soil, we think is to be preferred; the trees after planting should be well staked, and the stakes should remain for at least three years. No tree requires support so much as the cherry, as it is liable to swing much by the wind, and become bruised, torn and weakened at the surface of the ground.

Few people care for more than a half a dozen varieties of cherries, and that is enough when the right sorts are selected.

There is in this, in all other fruit, a considerable contrary of opinion as to which are the best. And this can be no cause of surprise, as the locality and soil have much to do in raising the cherry to perfection and profit.—Perhaps for the greater portion of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, &c., the following varieties, which we regard as among the very best, are well adapted, viz.:—*Elder Purple Quince, Bonduelle, Early Richmond, Black Tartarian, Black Eagle, Elton, Downton, and Coe's Transparent*. Here are eight kinds, and if we were to drop any it would be the last two. The *Yellow Spanish*, the *Governor Wood, Oscella*, &c., are not generally adapted to our immediate region. There are a few other varieties that are valuable and though highly of by some, and may do well here, which it is not necessary to enumerate, as the foregoing are quite sufficient to meet the wishes or needs of any moderate person, whether for private use or market.—*Germania Telegraph*.

Dwarf Apple Trees.—Dwarf apple trees are fast becoming favorites. Although they will never be so extensively employed for orchards as dwarf pears, they will undoubtedly be freely brought into gardens, where a variety is desired in a small space. Every season proves these trees to be what they have been sent out for. They are productive and easily managed; the heads being low, they are easily sheltered and protected, if necessary, during winter. Every part of the tree is immediately under the eye of the cultivator, by which he is able to control perfectly their form, and to destroy any insects that may attack them.

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Likes pears grown on dwarf trees, the fruit of dwarf apple trees is usually larger and finer than the same varieties grown on standard trees.

The best age to transplant the trees is at two

years from the bud or graft, and they will commence to bear the first year after transplanting.

At the West, where fruit is scarce and an immediate produce very desirable, and where, also, high winds are prevalent and the changes of temperature in the winter season are very sudden, we think these trees might be planted to great advantage. And, indeed, we are aware that the Western people have already commenced to plant them considerably.—*Germania Farmer*.

LATE SOWN WHEAT.—A Kentucky farmer writes the *Louisville Courier* that he thinks farmers in his section sow their wheat too early, as early sown wheat is more liable to injury from the Hessian fly. This is true, but with us late sown wheat is more liable to injury from the midge—and so we have to steer between these two evils as much as possible. He states that for the last five years he has sown his wheat after the 15th of October—last year from the 18th to the 28th—and in all these years he has never missed a good crop. While his neighbors were "complaining of dry, freezing out and rust, he has escaped all, producing from twenty to thirty-five bushels of good bright wheat to the acre." He says with a drizzle.

BOLTED CORN FOR HOGS AND STOCK.—Wm. Van Loon, writing to the *Prairie Farmer*, says that he has practiced feeding boiled corn to his stock and hogs, and is "satisfied that he saves one-half his grain, and gains as much more in time;" that one bushel of corn on the cob, boiled, will produce as much pork as two fed raw, and in one-half the time. In one experiment, he fed three bushels of boiled corn, per day, to 27 hogs, for ten days. The average gain was two pounds per day. He then fed the same lot of hogs on three bushels of raw corn per day for twenty days; they gained only a trifle over one pound per day. Such experiments, continued for so short a time, are not reliable.

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