

Examine Your Fruit Trees:
tie trees in convention.
We are persuaded thrit more trees dic of the laziness or carehessness of their owners than all other causes united.-
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sembled in convention, we think there sembled in convention, we think there
would be indighant remonstrance at their untimely "talking off," and the cause of laid at the fruit grower's door. Whethe such a convention has actually been held
-ar not, we do not presume to affirin; but we not, we do not pressume to affirm; but we find among our cditorial nutes, re-
ports of speeches said to have been deports of speeches said to have been de-
livered at such a tree meeting. It seems the orchard and garden trees took a hint
from the "Joint Worm Convention" held sonetime this last summer, down South, which they saw reported in the papers, and thought if the field insects could wuster a gathering, it. Was fite for them
oo be up and doing. So a meeting was
callod at lomological Hall, to protest against death's doings, and to devise ways and means to promote the longevity of
the race. The notes state that the meeting was unusually full, and that the na-
ives of the orchard were all astonished their own streagth and numbers. The chiof speakers were invalids, who bore in their persons unequivocal evidence of arsh usage and neglect. A venerable gentleman by the name of Apple was at
mong the first to address the chair.There was a terrible stoop in his shouldioned by the heary burdens he had borne. His collar was perforated with coles, and little piles of saw dust lay asaw dust pudding, instead of a speeeh. aw dust pudding, instead of a speech.
"You see, gentlemen," said he, "that if this convention had been held a little
ater, I should not have been here to atend it. This is my last speech as it rappens to be my first. I speak from the
porders of the grave, and trust, thereorders of the grave, and trust, there-
ore, that my words will be heeded. You ne in me the marks of premature age, ad soon to go the way of all trees. I night have continued my useful labors or generations to come, had I not been
Jvertasked with burdens, and had 3vertasked with burdens, and had my
riends seasonably guärded me against riends seasonably guairded me against
yy enemies. But not a finger did they
it to rout the caterpillars from their ests, or to save me from the ravages of che canker worm. Year after year vioence was done to ny taste in dress, and astead of the beautiful green I most deand dingy brown in mid-summer. The orers seized me by the collar and plied me with their instruments of death, and not a soul of the bipeds that thrived on he fruits of my toil thought it worth whife to knock out heir teeth. I can ot shat w' appoint a copmittee to draw ap a remonstrance in view of our common grievances.
A short legged gentleman next arose, Mr. Pear. Mr. Pear. dengoue called him a dwarf, ways feigned youngnoess to atcount for the His coat was a peppor and salt hue, and "I called him a scaly fellow
tion of my friend Mr. secoud the moall the more checrfully, becouse I have certain grievances of my own that call for relief. It is enough to bring blight and mildew upon my body, that has the usceptiblo soul of a pear within him, to o treated as I am. Because I happen oe a modest gentleman, and am willing Ir. Quince, $I$ am treated as a pergon of saall consequence, and am jammed into uarters close enough distempers of all inds. Instead of the great ado men that about the blight, the only wonder go. I am a wonder to myself when I remo. mber the usiger I have survived At first I was over fed, and dosed with cimulants, that I might grow rapidly ad gratify my owners cupidity with a prge orop of fruit. My limbs had no ing frost sloughed them off every winter. Then I began to benr, and that was the end of my stuftag. I can now searee
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