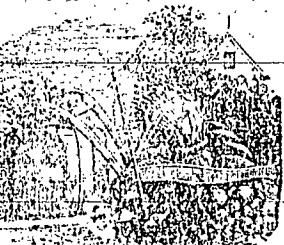


## Farmers' Department.



From the Genesee Farmer:  
Planting Fruit Trees.

A CORRESPONDENT asks: "Is spring fall the best time to plant fruit trees?" This is a point on which our best authorities disagree. Dr. Lindley says:

"I entirely agree with Mr. Maenir, that the earliest time at which planting can be effected is upon the whole the best."

"At that time, a root is wounded, a

process of granulation, or cicatrization,

commences just as it does in cuttings;

and from that, granulation, which is a

more development of the horizontal car-

rier-system, which roots will eventually

occur. Now, it is obvious—that since

the root must be wounded in the process

of transplanting, the sooner the wound is

made the better, because it has the long-

time in which to heal; and therefore

the earlier in the autumn transplanting

is effected, the less injury will be sus-

tained by the plant submitted to the pro-

cess, in the technical language of the gar-

ner, it has the more time to establish

itself." London says: "The best time

for planting an orchard is the autumn, as

on as the trees have ripened their wood,

and dropped their leaves. If the work

is properly executed at this season, the

roots will push out fresh fibres the same

year, and be ready and able to push out

shoots of considerable vigor in the spring."

It would be impossible to cite higher

authorities. But it must be borne in

mind that the climate of England is very

different from that of this country. The

practical application of it may be greatly

modified by circumstances. Let us ex-

amine American authorities on this point.

Downing, after giving similar physi-

ological reasons to those of Dr. Lindley

quoted above, says: "Autumn planting

for this reason greatly to be preferred

in all mild climates, and dry soils; and

even for very hardy trees, as the apple,

in colder latitudes, as the fixed position

in the ground which trees planted, then,

get by the autumnal and early spring

rains gives them an advantage, at the

next season of growth, over newly re-

moved trees."

On the other hand, in the northern

portions of the Union, where the winters

commence early, and are severe, spring

planting is greatly preferred. \*\* The

proper time in such a climate is as early

as the ground is in a fit condition in the

spring.

Thomas says: "For apple and other

hardy trees, autumn is perhaps the best.

The more tender trees, as apricots and

peaches, removed to a colder region, may

be in some danger, especially if the roots

have been much mutilated, and the set-

ting out badly done."

Elliott says: "With nearly all trees

and all locations, fall is the best time to

transplant." Reasons, same as those

given by Dr. Lindley.

Our correspondent will perceive that

nearly all our horticultural writers are in

favor of fall transplanting. The expe-

rience of the last two winters, however,

has led us to a somewhat different opinion.

It is a generally conceded fact,

that a tree recently transplanted is not as

hardy as it would have been had it not

been disturbed. All accounts from the

west agree that the intense cold of the

past winter in that region was particularly

injurious to all recently planted trees.

Thousands and tens of thousands of trees

planted last fall were killed outright, and

nearly all were much injured. It may

be said on the other hand, that thousands

of trees planted in the spring are anni-

ally injured or destroyed by the severe

droughts of summer. This is true; but

it is not attributed to late or careless

planting, and negligence after treatment?

The fact is, that success in fruit culture

depends much more on the subsequent

preparation of the soil, and on the after

treatment of the trees, than on the period

of planting.

Our correspondent lives in the west,

and intends to get his trees from the nur-

series in this city. Under such circum-

stances, we have no hesitation in advising

him to order the trees this fall; unpack

them as soon as they arrive; dig a trench

in dry soil, and lay them in by the

roots, and cover them carefully with soil

a few inches deeper than they were in

the nursery. Let them remain here dur-

ing the winter, and set them out in the

spring as early as the frost is out of the

ground. The spot selected for "healing

them in," if possible, should be on the

north side of building, so that the sun

cannot shine upon them and start the sap too early in the spring. If sheltered from our cold winds, it would be still better. It would also be advantageous to lay them in the trench in a slanting position, say at an angle 45°; and if the winter is very severe, the tenderer kinds of trees, such as the peach and apricot, would be the better for having a few branches of evergreens, &c., laid over them. Straw should not be used, as it attracts mice and other vermin.

The advantages of this plan are obvious. The nurserymen are not as busy in the fall as in the spring, and can give more time to packing, &c. You have the first pick of the trees, they can be sent by the cheapest routes, and you are certain of getting them in season for early spring planting!

## Miscellaneous.

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