

Agricultural Department.

PLANTING SHRUBBERY.—Too little attention is given to this feature of ornamental planting. Our rural improvers generally persist in setting out coarse timber trees, in rows like an orchard, all over their grounds, and finishing off their work by putting in a few bushes around the door. Well this is better than nothing, but an improvement can be made on this, as the following hints may show.

Let the forest trees—except on large places—be few in number, and confined mostly to the bound lines of one's premises. The trees near the house should be of smaller size, and such as have smooth trunks and branches. A few shrubs may be set near the dwelling. In single specimens of large shrubs may be set on the lawn and trained up as miniature trees. This will give the place an appearance of larger extent than though it had been set with forest trees. Shrubs may also be planted in groups and masses, arranging them according to their respective heights. They may also be used as screens to hide disagreeable objects, or to conceal one part of the grounds from the other. They appear very well, also, when used to enclose a flower garden; the central beds being occupied with plants, and the boundaries set with shrubs, the lowest in front and the highest in the rear.

As belts to conceal from the house the outer fences of one's grounds, they are also useful. The pleasure walks may be led in front of these belts, and so afford a pleasant view of them all through the season. If they are set over, instead of being in front of the house, the lawn appears larger, and every walk may be a variety of flowers, nearly all Summer, and that with far less trouble than any other class of plants. We will here mention a few of the desirable sorts to plant: Azaleas, in variety; Pyrus japonica; Robinia; Spiraea; Deutzia; Koenigsmeyer; Hibiscus; Hydrangea; Philadelphus; Syringa; Laburnum; Weigelia, etc. A shrubbery is a permanent affair, one of the institutions of a country place, and should therefore be made well at the outset, and afterwards trained care of. These well proved and fast friends afford us in the long run, the greatest satisfaction.—American Agriculturist.

SET OUT A FEW MORE FRUIT TREES, etc.—Yes, set out a cherry tree by the gate near the road, and another at the end of the house to partially shade the sitting room from the hot sun. The cherry, when well trained, forms a regular, symmetrical tree, ornamental at least when covered with a profusion of snow white blossoms, or being beneath its load of dark red fruit. Set a pear tree in the nook by the shed, and one at each end of the carriage-house. They will injure nothing, and the rich soil will cause them to grow rapidly. Now put out a few peach trees along the garden border where the shade will scarcely injure the vegetables; or a few trees may be set compactly 10 feet apart, and the space they would shade be used for raspberries and blackberries.

There is the lane, too, leading to the pasture, which might well have a row of apple or pear trees upon each side, which will injure the adjacent fields far less than the returns they should give. The road side, also, can be set with apple trees yielding winter fruit. Such single rows of trees equally give better return than the same number of trees in an orchard. Again, there is the south side of the barn, shed and hovel, and the tight fence upon the north side of the garden, which might be covered with grape vines and give many bushels of fruit.

Now, reader, look about your buildings, around the yards, along the fences, and see if there is not room for a few more trees. Then go to the nearest nurseryman, if he is an honest, careful grower, and select your trees, have them taken up with all the roots, take them home without exposure to the sun, and set at once in large broad holes, spreading out the roots and fibers in their natural position. If the soil is not rich, add a little of manure or ground bones at the time of setting, and hopefully await the result of your expenditures in time and money.—American Agriculturist.

A VALUABLE MANURE.—No manure is so well worth sowing in October and November as the falling leaves of the season. According to Payne, they contain nearly three times as much nitrogen as ordinary barn yard manure; and every gardener who has strewn and covered them in his trenches late in the fall or in December, must have noticed the next season how black and moist the soil is that adheres to the thrifty young beets he pulls. No vegetable substance yields its woody matter so readily, and it is so readily broken down, and its nutrients are so soon dried up, scattered to the winds and wasted, if not gathered and trenched in, or composted, before the advent of severe winter.

White turnips, including the yellow stone Aberdeen and others, which, though yellow, are of the same nature, will safely endure but a moderate frost. The first effect of the frost is to sweeten them, and render them more mild and pleasant for the table. The same cause induces them to sprout more readily, and to become corky or pithy at all points, which is not to be feared, as they are so soon dried up, scattered to the winds and wasted, if not gathered and trenched in, or composted, before the advent of severe winter.

FARM YARDS.—A correspondent suggests the following plan of constructing farm-yards: "First make the yard level (large or small); then commence in the middle and scoop out in the form of an apothecary's scale, deepest in the middle, to the depth of one foot in the deepest part. Then collect straw, leaves, old hay, bog grass, sawdust, or anything that can be made into manure, fill it up level with a row of mangers around the outside; then have living water in the yard; and when you commence foddering, draw the bars or gate and keep every creature in the yard up to the mangers; then fill up with litter to give them a good bed, and keep doing so until spring, and the manure is three feet deep or more if possible. Then dispose of it as best you can. Some let it remain until Fall, and use it for top-dressing; others cart out in Spring, and fill up, again to keep the weeds from growing."

FRUIT TREES.—Train well and espalier to proper form, cutting back as needed. Rub off shoots appearing out of place.

Educational.

IRVING FEMALE COLLEGE, MECHANICSBURG, VA.

This institution, designed for liberal education of Young Ladies, has been in operation two years with the gratifying result. It is now established on a firm basis, and its patronage already extends over several States.

TRIMMERS PER SESSION OF EIGHT MONTHS, PAYABLE IN ADVANCE.

Boarding, Washing, Furnished Rooms, &c. \$200 00

Preparation for the Normal School, &c. 20 00

First Class, 12 00

Second Class, 8 00

Third Class, 4 00

Fourth Class, 2 00

Fifth Class, 1 00

Sixth Class, 50 00

Seventh Class, 25 00

Eighth Class, 12 00

Ninth Class, 6 00

Tenth Class, 3 00

New Goods.

ATTENTION! NEW STORE AND NEW GOODS.

After referring to the acknowledgments for the very liberal patronage which has been extended to him, the undersigned would call attention to the fact that he has just received a large assortment of family groceries.

ALL KINDS OF BUTTER, in white, yellow, and extra quality, at the lowest prices.

ALL KINDS OF CHEESE, in white, yellow, and extra quality, at the lowest prices.

ALL KINDS OF LARD, in white, yellow, and extra quality, at the lowest prices.

ALL KINDS OF MEATS, in white, yellow, and extra quality, at the lowest prices.

ALL KINDS OF FISH, in white, yellow, and extra quality, at the lowest prices.

ALL KINDS OF VEGETABLES, in white, yellow, and extra quality, at the lowest prices.

ALL KINDS OF FRUITS, in white, yellow, and extra quality, at the lowest prices.

ALL KINDS OF NUTS, in white, yellow, and extra quality, at the lowest prices.

ALL KINDS OF SEEDS, in white, yellow, and extra quality, at the lowest prices.

ALL KINDS OF OILS, in white, yellow, and extra quality, at the lowest prices.

ALL KINDS OF SPICES, in white, yellow, and extra quality, at the lowest prices.

ALL KINDS OF DRY GOODS, in white, yellow, and extra quality, at the lowest prices.

ALL KINDS OF CLOTHING, in white, yellow, and extra quality, at the lowest prices.

ALL KINDS OF SHOES, in white, yellow, and extra quality, at the lowest prices.

Timber & Coal.

NEW COAL AND LUMBER YARD.

The subscribers have this day established a new coal and lumber yard, and are prepared to furnish all kinds of coal and lumber at the lowest prices.

ALL KINDS OF COAL, in white, yellow, and extra quality, at the lowest prices.

ALL KINDS OF LUMBER, in white, yellow, and extra quality, at the lowest prices.

ALL KINDS OF BRICKS, in white, yellow, and extra quality, at the lowest prices.

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Miscellaneous.

Carriage Foundry.

Carriage Foundry, established in 1850, and is now in full operation, and is prepared to furnish all kinds of carriages at the lowest prices.

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Medicines.

Sanford's Family Cathartic Pills.

Sanford's Family Cathartic Pills, prepared by S. T. W. Sanford, M.D., are a safe and reliable remedy for all kinds of constipation.

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