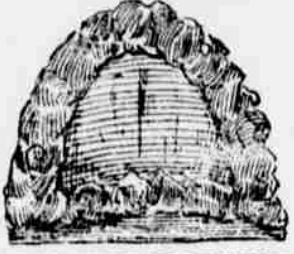


# HORTICULTURE

## SCIENCE OF PRUNING.

Description of a Perfectly Safe and Effective Method.

The enlargement at the base of limbs on trees is nature's work; it serves as a brace to the branches while growing and has a great amount of healing property stored up in it to cover the wounds where limbs are broken or cut off. My rule for pruning trees is to cut off the branches nearly straight across, just beyond this enlargement. By so doing the wounds will not be half as large as when cut close to the trees and they will heal much quicker. Trees trimmed in this way do not look as neat as when the branches are cut off close, but I consider a safer and better. I have known of young apple trees being killed by pruning close to the main stem, where three



ONE METHOD OF PRUNING.

Upper part, small branch properly pruned. Lower wound, one inch in diameter, healed in one season.

or four limbs grew out close together. The trees were nearly girdled and the hot sun dried up what little live bark was left between the cuts. I have had excellent success trimming in March. It is not advisable to prune during the spring flow of sap. I consider June the best month. I cut off limbs one inch in diameter last spring, which healed entirely over during summer. A practical way for anyone to decide this matter is to take two trees of the same size, trim one as I have directed, and the other by cutting the branches close to the trunk of the tree and watch results. During the past 40 years I have planted and cared for thousands of fruit, forest and evergreen trees successfully. I have 17 acres of forest trees of my own planting, growing on my farm, and have started timber belts on two other farms since I came to Dakota. From my experience and observation among apple and crab trees I am satisfied we can raise the hardy kinds; several of mine are in bearing; also currants, raspberries and gooseberries in abundance.—S. J. Bromley, in Farm and Home.

## MICE-GNAWED TREES.

Treated in Time They Can Be Saved as a General Thing.

When the bark of young trees gets gnawed off either by mice or rabbits taken in time, before the bark gets too dry, they may be saved. When the bark is not cut off completely around the tree one of the best ways of saving it is to take rather dry cow manure, mix with it an equal quantity of loamy soil, wet up to the consistency of thick paste and spread it entirely over the wound, covering and tying on with a cloth and leaving it on until it rots off.

If the wound extends clear around the tree so that sap circulation is entirely cut off, three or four scions can be inserted, taking care to see that the inner bark of the scion and tree fit closely together. Use grafting wax to hold in place and then wrap with a cloth band. A little care in this way will often save a tree that would otherwise be lost. It will be found a good plan to go through the orchard occasionally, even though protection has been given, and if any trees have been injured care for them at once.

Winter is a good time to graft one-year-old stocks. The work can be done indoors if the scions have been cut in good season and properly stored. In grafting care must be taken to keep varieties separate, tying each up in separate bundles and marking them.

In grafting one-year-old stock the top should be off below the lowest bud. Make a smooth slanting cut and then cut the scion to fit it. Have grafting wax spread upon muslin or some kind of thin cloth, cut in narrow strips. Wrap it two or three times round and tie with woolen twine. This is to hold it in place until a start to grow is made.

This is the simplest form of grafting. Another way is to cut the scion wedge-shaped; split the stock, taking a little of the center wood out and insert the scion, tying as in whip grafting. The idea is to bring the inner bark of the scion and stock together, as this is where the growth together commences.—St. Louis Republic.

## HORTICULTURAL HINTS.

Asparagus is usually profitable to grow.

Water cress always sells well in eastern markets.

Keep a sharp eye on the tree peddler. He is often foxy.

Mushroom growing will bring handsome returns.

Red or yellow onions stand shipment better than white.

Celery to be readily salable must be well blanched and crisp.

Cabbage pays better in sauerkraut than in any other shape.

Beets are a vegetable that ordinarily sell well in the market.

Under favorable conditions the Boy bean can be made to yield from 10 to 25 tons of fresh fodder per acre. If grown for the seed from 25 to 40 bushels per acre is the average yield though the yield has reached 100 bushels.—Western Plowman.

An Idle Tale Squelched.  
Mrs. U. S. Grant promptly disposed of a story which some unscrupulous gossipers set afloat. A few days ago there appeared in a number of papers a dispatch from St. Louis announcing the illness of Alfred Sandford, of that city, in which it was stated that Sandford was at one time engaged to be married to Miss Julia Dent, now the widow of Gen. U. S. Grant, and that when Gen. Grant was president Sandford secured from him, through her aid, the position of supervising inspector of steamboats for the port of St. Louis. Mrs. Grant has addressed the following letter to the Philadelphia Press relative to this dispatch: "Washington, D. C., Dec. 20.—To the Editor of the Press: I have just received the inclosed clipping from your paper and hasten to correct the utterly untrue statement that I was at one time engaged to be married to Mr. Alfred Sandford, of St. Louis. Gen. Grant was the only man to whom I ever was engaged, and that before I was quite 18 years old. It is true that I asked for a place for Mr. Sandford, who was a neighbor of my family and well known to Gen. Grant, who considered him thoroughly qualified to fill the position in which he placed him. Hoping you will publish this correction, I am, yours truly, Julia D. Grant."

One well-defined feature of the rush for the Klondike is the fact that many women are arranging to try their fortunes in the arctic gold diggings. A band of 40 has been organized in an eastern city, and expect to find employment as cooks, housekeepers, superintendents of laundries and clerks in stores. As for personal safety, the miners are chiefly Americans, and no sensible, self-respecting woman need fear to trust herself in such company. All the women in this party know how to work and are in good health. They expect to be well paid for their labor in the neighborhood of the mines, and are not likely to be disappointed. Nothing will advance civilization in Alaska faster than their presence and example of usefulness.

Speaking of the Klondike the Engineering and Mining Journal says: "When the ten millions or so of dollars come down from there next year, don't get excited, but remember that they are the sole product of a year's labor of from 6,000 to 8,000 men, who cannot afford to work gravel that yields less than one ounce of gold per man per day. If those who think of going to the Yukon country to get rich will work as hard and undergo as many privations here at home in the pursuit of money they will, we have no doubt, be richer at the end of five years here than will be the average of those who go to Klondike. The Klondike is not nearly as rich as California was in 1850, nor as many districts in California and some other states are to-day."

As to Vegetarianism.  
"What do you think of vegetarianism?" she asked.  
"Well," he replied cautiously, "I should regard it much more highly if I were either a turkey or a cow."—Chicago Post.

Not an Authority.  
Customer (in restaurant)—This beefsteak must be at least three weeks old, isn't it?  
Waiter—Don't know, sah; I've only been here two weeks, sah.—Chicago News.

Imitating His Father.  
Mrs. Yeast—Didn't you say your boy got more like his father every day?  
Mrs. Crimsonbeak—Not exactly. I said he was getting more like his father every night; he comes in about midnight.—Yonkers Statesman.

The Infant Terrible.  
"Bald-headed men don't like Bobby."  
"Why not?"  
"He always asks them why they don't buy some hair, like Aunt Kitty."—Detroit Free Press.

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## PLAN OF COMPTROLLER DAWES.

He Objects to "Classes A and B" in the "Singerly Plan," to Which Individual Depositors do Not Belong, and Makes a Proposal to Protect All.

Washington, Jan. 25.—At midnight Comptroller of the Currency Dawes issued a lengthy statement to the creditors of the Chestnut Street National bank, Philadelphia, in which he says: "At the time of the failure of the Chestnut Street National bank my predecessor in office issued a statement endorsing what is known as the Singerly proposition, which has now been approved by a large majority of the creditors of the bank. In view of certain provisions and my conviction that the power of the committee to change the plan would enable me consistently to demand additional protection to the depositors of the bank, I approved the general plan, providing the unanimous consent of creditors could be obtained, and allowed until Jan 20 for the securing of additional assents."

Mr. Dawes then explains that the assents to the plan up to date include but 80 per cent of the depositors, and that he had been informed that many of those who had signed the plan had been influenced by the assent of the two comptrollers. He proceeds:

"In the published statements accompanying the plan, and as an argument for its adoption, the following statement is made, which requires explanation:

"It must be clear to all concerned that in no case can creditors of the bank, of the Trust company, of the Pulp and Paper company and of Mr. Singerly himself realize more than the total value of the assets and rights of these corporations, in addition to those of Mr. Singerly individually."

"In this statement the fact is not brought out clearly that in the case of the Chestnut Street National bank there is a stockholders' liability outside of that of Mr. Singerly amounting to \$215,000, and further, the directors, in addition to Mr. Singerly, are by law individually liable for the full amount of losses resulting from the excessive loans and all other violations of law."

"Another feature involved in the plan as it stands at present is one which in my judgment has not been generally understood. This relates to the priorities of lien involved in the redemption of the proposed different issues of Record stock, and the division of creditors into classes A, B and C."

"Under the present form of the plan all the cash and quick assets of the bank may, in the discretion of the committee, be diverted toward the redemption of the first and second preferred stocks, belonging to classes A and B, to which the individual depositor of the Chestnut Street National bank does not belong."

"Upon the value of The Record property the value of the plan entirely depends, and I shall have a government expert examine the books and property of The Record company to ascertain whether the earning capacity corresponds with the statements given the public and inform himself as to the general value of the property."

"In order that no damage shall result from delay for the next 20 days the examiner in charge will proceed to the liquidation of the bank in the regular way. If the report of the government expert is unfavorable I shall appoint a permanent receiver immediately. If, however, this report is favorable, before my acquiescence in the plan, the following conditions must have been complied with:

"One of the present committee, giving bond for the fulfillment of his duties, must be named as trustee for the creditors of the Chestnut Street National bank. To him must be paid all the net proceeds of the assets of the Chestnut Street National bank, which shall be devoted by him as trustee to the redeeming rate of The Record stock issued for claims of depositors of the Chestnut Street National bank. None of the assets of this bank shall be used for any other purpose except the payment of such claims against the bank as are at present preferred and the expenses incident to its regular liquidation by the committee until The Record stock issued for claims against the Chestnut Street National bank shall have been redeemed in full, with 6 per cent interest."

"The directors shall execute their obligation to this member of the committee, as trustee, in favor of the bank's creditors, in consideration of creditors assenting to the plan, to the effect that said directors shall, notwithstanding said plan, remain bound for all liabilities incurred by them under the provisions of law."

"To this member of the committee, as trustee, each stockholder of the bank must enter as an individual into an obligation similar to the above to the extent of his individual liability as a stockholder."

"An amount of money equal to the par of the claim of non-assenting creditors and 6 per cent interest from the date of the failure of the bank must be provided to pay said non-assenting claims."

"Upon compliance with these conditions, for the fulfillment of which I will allow 20 days, I shall then appoint the examiner in charge as temporary receiver, who within five days after his appointment will appear in court and ask for the approval of the court to the transfer of the assets of the bank to said committee under these conditions. Upon receiving such approval the property will be delivered to the said committee, and the temporary receivership terminated. Otherwise I will appoint a permanent receiver, in pursuance of law."

Strikers Capture a Railway Train.  
Lebanon, Ind., Jan. 25.—Strikers of the Chicago and Southeastern railway seized and appropriated the westbound express train when it arrived here last evening. Few passengers aboard the train are tied up here. The delayed passengers are given the hospitality of private homes in the city, as public sentiment is unambiguously in favor of the strikers. The men are striking for back pay, and they say they might pay for the most of them.

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