NUT TREES ON THE LAWN.

An Attractive Combination of the Useful and the Beautiful.

The combination of the useful with the ornamental in lawn making is commended by Orchard and Garden in proposing the use of nut trees on the lawn. In spite of some objections that might be urged, it pronounces the adoption of these trees worthy of consideration, and has seen large lawns where they could be safely planted. They should be planted somewhat remote from the house and at some distance from the drive and the walks. The trunks should be trimmed sufficiently high to prevent children from climbing them. As the nuts always fall when ripe, they should be gathered from the ground, with one exception, when it will be necessary to gather them from the tree. The exception is when the nuts are used for making pickles and catsup, when they should be gathered sufficiently immature to allow a needle to penetrate them easily. Green or unripe butternuts have long been used for making pickles, which many much prefer to pickled cucumbers. The famous walnut catsup is made from immature Madeira nuts, sometimes called English walnuts, though the tree is not a native of England, but of Persia. The butternut is Juglans cinerea; the black walnut is J. nigra, and the Madeira nut is J. regia. J. regia praeparturiens is a spreading, dwarf variety of the last, and bears fruit when quite small. It is particularly adapted for a small place. In regard to the hardiness of J. regia, the authority quoted knows of trees in Westchester county, N. Y., upward of sixty years old that ripen their crops quite uniformly.

Peach Yellows.

The first appearance of the true yellows in bearing peach trees is usually exhibited in the premature ripening of the fruit. Instead of being delicately marked with minute crimson dots or showing masses of color like the ruddy cheek of a healthy peach, the surface is coarsely blotched with red and purple spots. These extend to the pit and give to the peach a mottled or speckled appearance unlike that produced by any other disease. Premature ripening and an unfavorable appearance of the fruit may sometimes occur from other causes, but where the symptoms above described are found with or are followed by the striking out of numerous unnatural shoots from the main branches, the evidence of yellows is unmistakable. These shoots are long and slender and usually issue from the upper side of the branches. They have a sickly look, though tough and elastic, and sometimes start in clumps from the old limbs. The entire foliage of the tree turns yellow prematurely, and its usefulness is ended. The only remedy known is to cut down and burn those affected to prevent the spread of the disease.

An Interesting Fern.

The fine evergreen plant here illustrated is a native of New South Wales and known as the Australian bird's nest fern, from the remarkably peculiar manner of its growth. The fronds take an upright direction at the start, so as to leave the crown elevated and exposed, thus forming a large funnel shaped hollow center.

AUSTRALIAN BIRD'S NEST FERN.

This plant is wonderfully well adapted for rooms, for which it makes a splendid object. Although requiring stove heat to grow and develop in during the most of the year, it will stand very well outdoors in the summer time if not exposed to the full sun. Great care should be taken to keep away slugs and wood lice, which are exceedingly fond of the young fronds; the best way to prevent these pests getting at the plants is by placing the latter over a pan of water on three inverted pots so as to prevent the bottom of the pot touching the water, but at the same time leaving a liquid barrier of two inches all round to keep off all intruders. The soil must be made sandy, and should consist of light, turfy loam and peat, with some leaf mold and good, sharp sand. The roots require good and careful drainage.

A New Tea Scented Rose.

Of all the recently introduced tea scented roses, The English Garden pronounces the Ethel Brownlow the best. It is of splendid habit and also supplies a color long wanted. Its color may be described as being between Catherine Mermet and Comtesse de Nadaillac. It is a grand rose to stand, both on and off the plant, and is also very delicately scented.

Helpful Hints.

The double varieties of the Deutzias are valuable lawn plants.

The variegated ground ivy furnishes a very pretty and hardy herbaceous plant.

Old strawberry plants seldom produce as large berries as do young ones.

Many coniferous plants are increased by cuttings on a large scale, especially retinosporas, arbor vitaes and the like.

Cuttings of plants which root with difficulty are sometimes grafted with good effect upon those which root easily.

Leaf mold is a natural fertilizer for all trees and shrubs and wood flowers, or any of the plants that like a shaded place. It is also very useful as an addition to potting soil.

Cows That Live in the Air.

You would hardly be able to guess where some of the cows are kept that furnish the milk of the city of Lima, Peru—not all of them, but a few. Nowhere else than on the tops of suburban houses! As the roofs are perfectly flat the common people utilize them for all sorts of purposes—notably for henneries, pigeon, dog kennels, gardens [illegible] flowers and vegetables grow in [illegible] and even [illegible] yards. In many cases a Lima cow spends all her days on the roof of her owner's residence, having been taken up when a calf and brought down at the end of her life as fresh beef. In the meantime she is fed on alfalfa, tropical clover and the slops from the kitchen. Chicken coops are still more common on the roofs of dwellings, and in the thickly populated portions of the town your neighbors' cocks waken you at daylight with reminders of St. Peter.—Fanny B. Ward.

THE POT DIBBLE.

A Useful Tool for Plunging Pots in Summer to Protect from Angle Worms.

The pot dibble, of which an illustration is here reproduced from Popular Gardening, is used in plunging pots in summer in the line of flowering plants, strawberry runners, etc. The chief value claimed for it is the remedy it provides against angle worms entering the pots from the drainage hole below, a point that will be highly appreciated by all who know how troublesome these worms usually are in plunged pots. In the drawings A shows the tool as turned by a cabinetmaker from a block of maple wood six inches square and twenty-two inches long, although with considerable care one could be shaved down with a draw knife. The more perfectly round it is the better will it be suited to its purpose. The tool is completed by the addition of a handle as shown, and this might be made from an old spade.

A DIBBLE FOR PLUNGING POTS.

Figure B shows the use of the tool in the case of a geranium pot plunged in soil. The pot in this instance was of a size that required the dibble to be thrust into the plunging soil to its entire length. In putting the pot down it should be pressed in rather firmly. Besides getting the best of angle worms, two other important gains are secured, namely: The pot is afforded perfect drainage and the trouble of "rooting through" the drain hole of the pot is overcome.

Figure C represents the use of the dibble for a smaller sized pot. Coming to a point as it does, the tool can be used for pots of the smallest size quite as readily as for larger ones. In getting ready for plunging pots by this means, the soil should first be worked over to a depth equal to the length of the dibble, otherwise it will be difficult to force it into the earth. In pressing it down the weight of the body may be applied through the foot placed on top of the dibble. This tool also comes into play at times in transplanting small shrubs, vines, etc.

The Clotilde Soupert Rose.

This variety, originated by Soupert and Notting, of Luxembourg, is a cross between the polyantha variety, mignonette and Mme. Damaizin, a tea. It is a vigorous plant and most abundant bloomer, and the flowers are produced continuously for a great part of the summer and autumn. The flowers are of good size and very fragrant, in this respect as well as in the delicacy of its coloring, tracing to the tea origin; on the other hand its profuse blooming habit is inherited from its polyantha source. The other petals are at first a pure, pearly white, and the center ones rose shaded, with a soft carmine. Vick recommends this variety for planting in masses or beds and for winter forcing, and also as a window plant.

For Insects on Rose Bushes.

The most effective insecticide that the Rural New Yorker knows of is the old Gishurst compound. Two ounces dissolved in a gallon of water will destroy lice (aphides), thrips, slugs and, in short, all sorts of insects that infest rose bushes except rose bugs. It is claimed also that it will destroy mealy bug, scale and mildew. It is for sale by most seedsmen. The authority quoted says: "The only remedy we have found for rose bugs is pyrethrum or tobacco powder. Use two heaping tablespoonfuls to two gallons of water and spray the infested plants."

The Peach Tree Borer.

There are two methods of preventing injury from the peach tree borer. One is mounding the lower parts of the trunks with earth or wrapping them with some substance to prevent the moth from laying eggs there, and the other is to repel the moth by washes. According to Orchard and Garden the first method is apt to make the bark tender and is too laborious. For the second, take one quart of soft soap with ten times its bulk of water, then add one pint of crude carbolic acid. Apply latter part of June and July with a brush to the base of the tree.

Garden Gleanings.

The bearing season of currants may be prolonged by a heavy mulch.

Primulas seed may be sown now for winter flowering.

Azaleas may be summered in a well shaded spot out of doors.

Bertaria Thunbergii is a desirable ornamental shrub.

Always cut cucumbers from the vines with a piece of the stem attached.

After the flowering season most of the bulbous plants are anything but attractive. These may be lifted as soon as leaves begin to wither, laying them in clumps in a shady place, with some soil over their lower parts to insure perfect ripening. Store in a dry place until another planting season.

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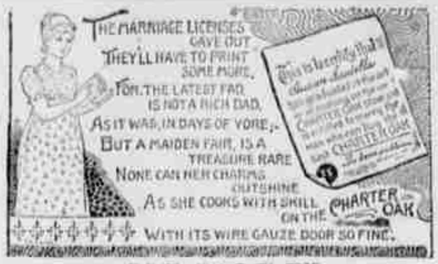

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