

## ORCHARD AND GARDEN.

SUGGESTIONS ON THE CULTURE OF ROOTS, FRUITS AND FLOWERS.

**Conditions of Success in Transplanting Vegetables** Ready Named, with Simple Instructions for Shortening the Tops and Roots of Cabbage, Lettuce, Etc.

An essential agreement in transplanting is that the soil be moist enough to handle easily; hence if it is dry it must be moistened by artificial water first. Pulling the tops out so as to dip them in this liquid is provided by



PLANT PROPERLY.

many just previous to planting. Others contend that dipping the roots in cold water immediately before setting out the plants is not only cleaner and more convenient, but equally efficacious. Of this opinion Mr. T. G. Green, author of the "Gardener's Guide to Make the Garden Pay," recently published by William H. Madsen. Plunder the soil around the roots is also advocated by Mr. Green, who, however, advises digging some loose soil up over the roots and covering the plants. Other varieties of action on plants at any hour, but on sunny days it is better to wait until after 4 o'clock p.m.

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**New Types of Chestnut-trees.**

In a paper read by Mr. George at a meeting of the American Horticultural Society he said: The interest in chestnut-trees will exist as long as new types are produced. We recall the interest which that beautiful variety, Mrs. Haas, and her followers, produced among agriculturists, a type which is certain to remain popular. Its distinctive characteristics are the greatest extension of the rays between the hair outlines of the leaves. Chestnuts are wider now, and rounder than those of old. The ligustrum-podocarpus, and the larches, provide a good type of chestnut. Perhaps a good type of chestnut would be "American." Yet another type, the original of which is Larchington, one of Europe's importations from Japan, is being developed in all colors. In the last few years, however, we have seen in every particular, in our chestnut-trees, the process present two distinct surfaces, the upper surface being composed of broad reflected petals, and the lower surface being in mass of narrow segments whorled from other side of the stem. These are the "new" types. There are only a few of these newer forms waiting to be brought forth.

**Transplanting Trees.**

There is a general idea that the best of some plants that have transplanted trees successfully over much of the year is a tree root. This, no doubt, does not alter the fact that there are right and wrong seasons for this work. The winter is the safest season, and spring, too, and the next best time is fall. In March, April, May and again in August, September and October, the vital focus of the tree and temperature of the soil and air are more easily adjusted than at the extreme seasons of early spring and late summer. For, in the first place, the root system, which is of paramount importance in all transplanted trees, whether spring or autumn, is best suited to settle by circumstances. As most readers know, an early, dry and warm summer is the vitality of all trees, while a cool, moist, and shaded shade, unless it is preferable to supply an abundance of water. On the other hand, an early and severe winter is bad for trees more in autumn. Each can most therefore plan to suit the climatic conditions of his own special locality.

**The Cabbage Root.**

Finally powdered tobacco is an excellent remedy for the cabbage louse, and last year I found it to be a great fertilizer. It also prevents the caterpillars from laying the eggs which produce the cabbage worm. The cabbage louse was unusually plentiful last season, as was also the fly on turnip plants. This minute insect feeds in wet weather, and is killed by the dust which fills the air where the sun is dry.—American Cultivator.

**Protection of Peach Trees.**

After another year of careful endeavor at the Massachusetts station to find something to protect the buds from the effects of the cold, at last the management acknowledged themselves baffled. They have demonstrated that latent peach buds can be hastened at the frost and laid down on the ground for winter protection, and be again set up successfully, but have thus far failed in getting the buds.

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Don't mind me—I thought you would have run over me, nothing could have given the street such a shock—You—Woo!

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