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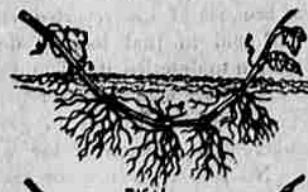
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### FRUIT AND FLOWERS

#### RAISING GRAPEVINES.

The Layering Process is Recommended to Novices—Propagation by Cuttings. Some varieties of grapes are readily raised from cuttings, but the easiest and most certain way for novices is by layering.



#### PROPAGATION BY LAYERS.

ers. With a view to assisting amateurs Country Gentleman represents this process by an illustration here reproduced.

A branch of the preceding year's growth is bent down as represented at Fig. 1 and covered with soil three inches deep, or a strong shoot of the present season's early growth is used in the same way. Roots are thrown out as represented, and before winter it is detached and taken up, forming the two plants in Fig. 2. This is the simplest and easiest way to increase the plants on a small scale.

Cuttings for outdoor work are made seven or eight inches long, each with two or more buds (Fig. 3). They are placed in a sloping position in the soil, which is compactly pressed, the upper bud just above the soil. Cover the surface with a layer of fine manure.

Special attention is called to the directions about setting the cuttings in a slanting position to the full length of the cutting, leaving a bud just at the surface of the soil. If planted in this way, they are more easily firm-

#### GRAPEVINE CUTTING.

ed by the settling of the soil. Propagating grapevines from seed is employed only by skilled cultivators for the purpose of originating new varieties.

#### Hybrid Wichuriana Roses.

The Japanese Rosa Wichuriana, which was introduced a few years ago, has proved very valuable where a trailing carpeting plant is needed. The plant forms long shoots, creeping along the ground. It makes a handsome carpet under tall growing roses and is used in parks to cover slopes or hang over embankments. Although it suffered in some places around Boston last winter, it is generally regarded as entirely hardy. It is sometimes called memorial rose, being much used in cemeteries.

In this connection Rural New Yorker describes a set of hybrids resulting from the Wichuriana crossed with Hybrid Remontant, Brier and Noisette. This set includes four varieties—Manda's Triumph, pure white, double flowers, very fragrant; Universal Favorite, double, bright rose; South Orange Perfection, double, bluish pink shading to white, and Pink Roamer, single, bright pink, lighter at the center, with deep orange stamens. This is said to be a sweetbrier hybrid, and should therefore prove very hardy and vigorous. In addition to their value as trailing plants the Wichuriana roses may be trained to form a beautiful arch.

#### Hardy Cactuses.

Mechan's Monthly calls attention to the fact that few plants are more effective than hardy cactuses for many situations in flower gardening. The one most frequently seen is Opuntia rufescens, a smooth jointed form, which has brilliant yellow flowers in midsummer. Until late years it was confounded with Opuntia vulgaris, which is a more slender grower, but very hard to distinguish from the former one. There are varieties referred to O. rufescens, that are more distinct than this. The common form of opuntia from the plains, O. missouriensis, also with yellow flowers, but having the joints covered with slender silky hair, makes a very pretty flower garden ornament.

The Washington State Central committee of the Peoples party has issued a manifesto to the effect that hereafter the party stand will by itself and fight its own battles.

D. T. Luffkin, a wealthy Sacramento county farmer, 70 years of age, and Mrs. A. L. Luffkin, the 77-year-old widow of his deceased brother, were married at Hartford, Conn., last week.

### FARM GARDEN

#### A NEW PLANT BOX.

Very Useful to Market Gardeners and to Fruit Growers.

The plant box shown herewith has been used for a number of years by an Ohio contributor to American Gardening, who claims that it is just the thing to transplant tomatoes, peppers or, in fact, any plant that it is desired to put on the market early and get an extra price for. He uses the boxes principally for early tomatoes, transplanting into them about ten days before he wishes to market the plants. Tomatoes, peppers, aubergines and phloxes are transplanted for the third time into these boxes and he gets from 3 to 5 cents apiece for them, whereas if he sold them out of flats he would only get 15 cents per dozen.

As to the cost of this box, the material is such as is used in making the common market basket. Have it cut 2 1/2 inches in width and 8 1/2 inches in length, tapering on the sides from each end for 2 1/2 inches, thus leaving the cen-



#### CHEAP, CONVENIENT PLANT BOX.

ter 1 1/2 inches square. Now, score them for folding. To put all together, take a 3 by 3 quartering, any length you wish, tapering the end to correspond with the taper of the box. Fasten a plate of iron on the top so that the tacks will clinch. Make a hoop of wire to slip over the end to hold the splints while the hoops should be three-eighths of an inch wide and 10 inches long. Made in this way, the boxes will nest together and can be made at any time for future use. The cost will not exceed 25 cents per 100 boxes. Material can be had at any basket factory.

Such a box can be used for layering strawberry plants. It makes a cheap, neat package, and people like to buy plants put up in this shape. They can be then transplanted into the garden without a setback. The writer puts up thousands of tomato plants in boxes, each holding half a dozen or a dozen, and also does up single plants to put on the market. Vegetables grown in pots are too expensive to the grower. This box is also a package that your customer can take home easily, and he does not have to set it out until his soil is in a fit condition. There is no patent on this. It is given for the good of the plant culturist. As shown in the sketch the plant is small for the size of the box.

#### To Amateur Beekeepers.

Here is a chunk of wisdom handed out to beginners by The Progressive Beekeeper:

I would advise a beginner to commence with a small number of colonies, say from two to five, as, however well he may study and understand the theory of beekeeping, he will find that practical experience is necessary, and the knowledge he will obtain in handling a small number of colonies and multiplying them will give him the requisite experience to manage them when his colonies become numerous. If he makes blunders with a few before he becomes expert, the loss will not be so great, while, if he should commit the same blunders with a great number, it might prove too costly a tuition fee to pay for the experience acquired and turn him from the pursuit in disgust.

#### Cottonseed Oil Meal.

The oil meals, gluten meal and bran are materials which may be used as carriers of fertility to the soil. Cottonseed oil meal is thus used to quite a large extent in the southern and Atlantic coast states, and the Connecticut experiment station has repeatedly called attention to it as a source of nitrogen for the New England states. The following paragraph is from a report of that station:

Cottonseed meal has been by far the cheapest source of available nitrogen during the past season. Experiments indicate that it is as rapidly and fully available as the best forms of animal matter. It has been extensively used in home mixed fertilizers and has given perfect satisfaction.

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### NEWS OF THE WORLD.

A fire broke out in Delano, Cal., a few nights ago, and burned out the business center of the town. Loss, \$20,000.

W. H. Knowlton, known as the "gold-brick" man, fought a battle for his life at Seattle, Wash., with his partner, Anthony Mellon, also a confidence man. They got into a fight over the division of spoils, took shots at each other and landed in jail.

The amalgamating room of the Providence mine at Nevada city, Cal., was broken open by two masked robbers, who captured the watchman, bound him hand and foot, then secured upwards of \$5000 worth of amalgam and escaped.

Isaac Hoffman, a member of the wholesale clothing firm of Hoffman, Rothschild & Co., of San Francisco, was found dead in his office with three bullet holes in his head. The case points strongly to murder, although the theory of suicide is advanced.

Fabianna Alvise, a 16-year old girl of Livermore, Cal., drank a large quantity of strychnine with suicidal intent and gave a dose of the poison to her sister Marie, intending to kill her. Fabianna is dead and her sister's life is despaired of. The dead girl left a note saying that people were talking about her and she wanted to die.

Things Told by Others. The Princess of Wales is the queen of single violets.

Burbank is a California hybrid canna, with large orchidlike flowers.

Professor Heiges says Gloria Mundi is the largest apple known.

Mechan's Monthly tells that the monthly or ever bearing strawberries, as a rule, have proved useless as far as a realization of a large and steady crop is concerned.

Dwarf oaks as garden ornaments are gaining in popularity.

The Manettia vine likes a warm, sunny position.

The Silver Spruce is one of the most useful and beautiful evergreens in existence.

The old Turner red raspberry is one of the best.

If on cold or clay soil, raise your flower beds. The warmth of the sun reaches the roots of the plants easier, and you can control the moisture.

#### The Next Hay Crop.

The New England Homestead reports as follows:

Farmers will devote a full area to hay the coming season. Many of our returns from the middle and western states point to an increase of 10 to 30 per cent over last year—occasionally more than this—while others an acreage about equal to last year and some to a decrease. In the western states, where the crop is nearly all prairie hay, the amount cured will depend to some extent upon prices in July. In many of the older central and eastern states, given over largely to timothy and clover hays, there will be an increase owing to the cheapness of potatoes and grain.

#### Couldn't See Them.

Editor (to office boy)—I left some jokes on the desk here last night. Have you seen them?

Office Boy—No, sir. Me and the door-keeper spent half an hour studying 'em last night, and neither of us could see a one of 'em, sir.—Pearson's Weekly.

Twenty-seven hundredweight, or nearly 1 1/2 tons, of gold plate was often placed on the tables of ancient Roman epicures.

Over 4,800 marriages take place in England weekly.

#### Too Loud for Him.

With a feeling of pity in her breast the good New Jersey woman gazed upon Thurley Tyred, who had stopped at the door to ask for food. "You are"—she gazed with commiseration upon his wrecked and torn garments—"sadly in need of clothes. Take these, my husband does not need them." Suiting the action to the word, she held forth a pair of trousers patterned upon a very loud and resonant plan. "Pardon me, madam"—the derelict upon life's sea bowed low and took another look at the proffered wearing apparel—"but I cannot accept your kind offer. I am en route to Philadelphia, and if I cease myself in these I might awaken somebody when I reach my destination." His logic must have been convincing, for she closed the door gently and hid the trousers in the trunk room.—N. Y. World.

#### Her Object.

"Oh, I do wish the count would propose to me!"  
"Would you accept him?"  
"No but I could tell Harry all about it after we are engaged."—Brooklyn Life.

#### A Good Guess.

Teacher—Now, Tommy, tell us what an hour-glass is?

Tommy (thoughtfully)—Guess it must be what pa takes so often.—Truth.

—The tail of the other screw not only as a rudder, but also as a means of propulsion, its movements closely resembling those of a screw propeller.