

Life Too Cluttered.

Our modern life is too cluttered. We are everlastingly doing things. We chatter and work and play, and if we have an hour of leisure we fill it with the rattle of a paper. We are prone and helpless when we haven't any story to read or person to talk to or thing to do. We do not understand the lost art of doing nothing. We cannot, we dare not, just sit down and think.

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PREMIUM APPLES.

Professor C. I. Lewis, head of the Department of Horticulture at the Oregon Agricultural College, and a recognized authority on fruit culture, has the following to say about the pruning of apple trees:

"Pruning is a very old practice, and a very necessary one. Its principle aims are to give the plants vigor and to make them fruitful, to facilitate such orchard work as pruning, spraying, thinning, and cultivation, also to regulate the amount of heat and light that strikes the various parts of the tree, producing maximum color and shielding against sun scald, also training the plant to some desired form.

"There are a few general principles one should bear in mind; first, study the type of tree desired. Yellow Newton apples should not be pruned the same day as the Northern Spy. Peaches are pruned entirely different from apples. You should make a close study of the bearing habits, and type of buds. Most apples and pears bear on spurs two years of age, but occasionally fruit is borne on one year old spurs in the axils of leaves of the previous year's growth, on tips of last year's growth, and some times on one year old spurs. Peaches bear on one year old wood and never on older growth. Heavy top pruning tends to produce a very rank wood growth, rejuvenates plants and has a tendency to produce a heavy water sprout growth.

"The habits of plants differ according to age as well as variety. The general tendency is to grow from the uppermost buds. The heading in of the terminal growth tends to strengthen and produce laterals. Fruit-bearing tends to become a habit with trees, and may be brought about by a check, such as light pruning, not as much cultivation, etc. Season may have a bearing on the tendency of producing fruitfulness. Spring or winter pruning has a tendency to produce wood growth. Summer pruning, if not done to excess, has a tendency to produce fruit.

"The question of high and low heads is not worth discussing. We know that low heads makes cheaper orchard work, and one is not so apt to lose trees from sun scald or borers. Remember, a short trunk may not mean a low head. There are several types of trees, such as the open tree, sometimes called the "vase" or goblet," or leader of pyramidal type. A great deal of precious time is wasted on the discussion of these types. Some varieties tend to make an unsatisfactory growth, especially the yellow varieties, if grown other than by the leader type. The Northern Spy does much better when grown open. Open trees are generally weak, due to allowing the branches to start from one bud. Do not do this. Select the branches carefully and allow plenty of space between them.

Pruning Young Apples.

"Head the trees low, from 18 to 20 inches. You can cut, say about 25 inches, and this will give you more space on which to form the branches. Never allow all branches to grow near top of cut; this means that at the growing season you will have to rub off buds and cut out all undesirable branches. Do this before the branches get very large, in the spring of the second year. I would prefer to prune young trees before growth starts in spring. Select from three to five of the best branches and cut back to growth 10 to 12 inches in length. Remove all laterals. During the second year each branch will throw out a large number of new branches. Only allow two of these new branches to grow on the previous year's growth. Cut these back from 10 to 12 inches in length. Occasionally we allow some of these branches to remain, but these have a tendency to produce early fruit, too early for the good of the tree.

"At the beginning of the third year you should again thin out excessive laterals, the same as the previous year, but you can allow the remaining laterals to be headed back to two or three buds. The heading back process gives strength and balance to the trees. The weak forks should not be allowed to grow. From the third year on the pruning becomes less vigorous, the aim being to check trees making excessive terminal growth and removing the laterals where they are too thick. If you practice severe pruning you will soon have a large brush heap.

"About the summer of the fourth year you can do some summer pruning. This can be done about the first or middle of July, and should be very moderate. In removing branches, cut them close to the body of the tree. Never allow a branch to drop so as to tear the tree, making a bad wound. All wounds should be painted or covered with grafting wax. If you have a large growth of water sprouts, indications are, that you are doing too much pruning. The weaker the tree, branch or twig, the more we winter prune to give vitality. Never prune branches that are frozen, as this causes die back, and the wounds do not heal well. On mature trees heading back near strong laterals has a tendency to reduce the water sprouts at the point of cutting. When water sprouts begin to grow, remove at once. Trees that have a tendency to bear every year will stand more pruning. Trees that are eight or ten years of age that are vigorous and not bearing heavily, are being pruned too severely or receiving too much cultivation. Trees that tend to produce fruit every other year should be pruned heaviest the fruiting year."

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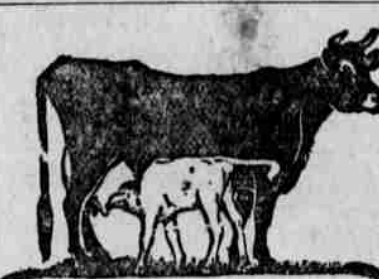
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