

# FRUIT AND FLOWERS

## IN THE ROSE GARDEN.

### Prune Now According to the Purpose You Have in View.

Dr. Huey, authority upon outdoor roses, says: "Pruning of dwarf growing roses may be begun in March and can be regulated by the quantity and quality of the blooms desired. If the effect of large masses is wanted four or five canes can be left three feet in height and all laterals and very old and weak wood removed. This will give a large lot of flowers, effective in the mass, but small in size and with short, weak stems, scarcely able to support the weight of the heads and not effective for cut flowers. This sort of pruning is entirely for outside show. After the bloom is over the long shoots should be shortened, that the plant may make a vigorous growth of wood for the next season's bloom.



FINE KENTIA IN A FOUR INCH POT.

If quality of bloom is desired, all weak growth should be removed, every remaining healthy cane retained and all cut back to six or eight inches, always cutting just above an outside bud to open the head and admit light and air. Roses pruned in this way do not need stakes, but are sufficiently strong and stocky to hold erect any weight they may be called upon to bear. Of course the number of blooms will be greatly reduced, but the fine specimens obtained will amply repay the lack of abundance. Do not condemn this severe system of pruning without giving it a fair trial. It is this that is adopted by the best rosarians of Europe, and we will come to it when we know its merits.

**Do Not Let Soil "Berry Out."**  
The soil of the strawberry patch should not be allowed to "berry out," but the bed should be changed after every two full crops—that is, plants set this spring should be allowed to fruit in 1907 and 1908. After that they should be turned under and a new bed should be planted to bear the two following years. The quantity of berries that can be gathered from any small plot thus treated is astonishing, according to a horticultural authority.

**Cutting Tree Limbs.**  
When cutting off fair sized limbs saw the underside of the limb about one-third of the way through or till the saw begins to pinch and then saw to top about one-half inch from the undercut, and when saved down above

to the undercut the limb will break off and not peel down the side of the tree. Cut close to the tree and saw of the projection that remains. Leave or stub on the tree.

**A Well Grown Kentia.**  
This picture of a specimen of Kentia belmoreana is intended to give an idea of what kind of a plant may be produced in a small pot when given enough water. A correspondent who sent it to Gardening says:

The plant is and has been for five years in a four inch pot, with no change

of soil or any application of fertilizer except plenty of cigar ashes. It has all these years been in my office under my own care; but, as I said, with the exception of water and tobacco ashes, it has had no special feeding. The plant has a spread of over five feet, which I think is quite remarkable for the size of pot in which it is grown.

**Sun Scald of Trees.**  
Sun scald is caused by alternate freezing and thawing, which eventually burst the bark on the southward side of the tree trunk near the ground. It is a serious trouble in many orchards, and the only sure remedy is to shade the trunk in some manner. Wrappings of wood veneer or laths answer the purpose. Besides, such wrappings fence out mice and rabbits.—Farm Journal.

### FRUIT NOTES

Most planters agree that in localities where hard freezing can be expected raspberries are better planted in spring than fall.

The strawberry bed should be nestled in the warmest corner of the garden. To the south of a building is an ideal place. As space is of value in most gardens, only the most prolific varieties should be grown.

Germany likes Colorado apples. An excellent demand for them is reported. The fact that they are shipped mostly in boxes also makes them desirable for the export trade.

In spite of all talk about other remedies, the lime, salt and sulphur mixture

seems to be the one that still holds the fort against the San Jose scale. Spraying time is here.

Current and gooseberry bushes can be planted along the shadiest edge of the grape trellis. A partial shade suits them in warm climates.

Many amateurs prefer the hill system of strawberries to the matted row. The runners are more readily kept down.

### Perpetuating the Species.

There is a stringent law in Japan that when one camphor laurel is cut down another must be planted in its place. The tree is hardy and long lived, attaining to an enormous size. It is covered with a small leaf of a vivid green color. The seed, or berries, grow in clusters, resembling the black currant in size and appearance. And the wood is employed for every purpose, from cabinetmaking to shipbuilding.

### He Guessed Right.

"Ah, me," exclaimed Mrs. Nagget, "my shopping was most unsatisfactory today!"

"Huh," granted Nagget, "trying to get something for nothing, I suppose."

"Yes, dear, I was after a birthday gift for you."—Philadelphia Press.

### Helping Him Out.



Employer (to boy applying for position): Do you smoke or swear, young man?

Kid—Now, if that's what yer lookin' fer I'll send me kid brudder around. He's got 'em all skinned for swearin' and smokin'—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

### The Other Side.

"Do you think a little learning is a dangerous thing?"

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