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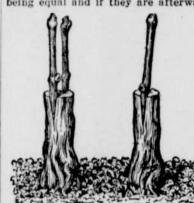
IN FRUITS AND BERRIES

HOW TO GROW GRAPES.

By GEORGE C. HUSMANN, Pomologist, Bureau of Plant Industry, United States Department of Agnculture.

RAPES can be successfully grown almost everywhere in this country, results with them depending largely upon the selection of varieties of the species suited to the respective conditions. In ordinary practice grapevines are propagated from seed, from cuttings, by layering or by grafting. For originating new varieties seedlings must, of course, be used. The individual seedlings differ so widely that they are seldom used by the intelligent planter even for grafting stock.

Cuttings for propagation may be prepars at any time after the vines have become dormant. Other things being equal and if they are afterward



VINES GRAPTED ACCORDING TO THE CLEFT GRAFT METHOD-TWO SCIONS AT LEFT,

well cared for, the sooner they are prepared after the vines have become dormant the better. The length of cuttings may vary from eight to twenty inches. depending on the climatic and other conditions of the locality in which they are to be planted. Usually the notter and drier the climate the longer the cuttings will need to be. They should always be made from young. well matured wood and preferably from medium sized, short jointed wood.

To make cuttings cut close below the lower bud, making the cut somewhat slanting, and leave about an inch of wood above the upper bud or eye.

Propagated by Layers. All varieties of the vine may be propagated by layers. The rotundifolia vines are nearly always propagated in this manner, but with other species layering is usually resorted to only with varieties which do not root readily from cuttings. In layering canes of the last season's growth, preferably those that start near the base of the vine.

Bench grafting is done on benches or tables, usually indoors during winter. Cuttings of resistant varieties that root easily or good, young, rooted plants are usually bench grafted.

The grafting of vines growing in the nursery is called nursery grafting This form of propagation is usually resorted to with varieties resistant to phylloxera that do not grow readily from cuttings. Rooted cuttings of oth er varieties are grafted in the nursery and resulting vines planted in the vineyard. In vineyard grafting the vines grow

ing where they are to remain are

Selection of Scions.

The selection and proper keeping of the scions for grafting are very important. Medium sized, short jointed. firm, well ripened wood should be selected. Do not allow the scions to dry out, but keep them dormant until used by covering completely with fairly dry sand in a cool, dry cellar.

In all grafting a joining of the inner bark of the stock and scion must be accomplished. This bark is thicker on the stock than on the scion. The union, especially in vineyard grafting, needs to be closely observed when the scions are inserted. In bench grafting scions and stocks of like diameter can be selected, making possible such perfect grafting that the inner barks join at almost every point, allowing their

knitting to become easy and complete. In bench grafting the visible and adventitious buds are cut out of the cuttings used as stocks so as to prevent as much as possible the sprouting of suckers from the stocks after they are planted

In vineyard grafting many operators month or so before grafting cut of the stem of the vine an inch or two above where it is to be grafted so that the stock may bleed profusely. Water sprouts that otherwise would appear are thus to a great extent eliminated. In cleft grafting the vines are cut off at a smooth place near and preferably a little above the surface of the ground unless it is desired to have the grafts establish themselves on their own roots, as it makes the removal of water sprouts and roots starting from the scion much easier and lessens the danger of injuring the scion before it is thoroughly knitted to the stock.

In beach grafting a smooth surface for grafting is selected above a node on the stock. The node keeps the stock from splitting below it during the are not made are rare.

Bench Grafting.

grafting process. After cutting off the stock, whether a vine or a cutting, split it longitudinally with a knife or shears or, if a heavy vine, with a chisel. In cleft grafting stocks not more than an inch in diameter the shears can be used in making both the horizontal and the longitudinal cuts. To prevent the bruising of the bark in cutting keep the blade of the shears on the side where the scion is to be inserted. To prepare the scion cut with a sharp knife a simple wedge, beginning at or slightly below a bud and making a ong sloping cut toward the middle and a similar one on the opposite side. Scions of two eyes are preferable. To insert open the cleft and push the scion in firmly until the bud is just above the upper end of the stock, taking care that the inner barks of stock and scion fit closely. When large vines are grafted it may require a metal wedge to open the cleft. In targe vines two scions, one on each side, are frequently used

Another favorite method with small stocks, especially in bench grafting, when the diameter of the stock is the same or very little greater than that of the scion, is the English cleft, split or whip graft.

The treatment given vines during the first years of their growth largely determines the profit and pleasure to be derived from them. If improperly cared for during this period satisfactory returns are not obtained after-

Cuttings and Rooted Vines,

If cuttings are planted and the supply is sufficient two in each place increase the chances of getting a full stand. Should both cuttings grow one of them can easily be pulled up without injuring the other. To protect the cuttings from drying out plant them so that the top bud projects only a trifle above the ground.

If rooted vines, either plain or grafted, are used the roots should be cut back to three to four inches, depending on their vigor. Only one cane of the top should be left, and this should be cut back to two or three good buds If grafts are used all scion roots and all suckers should be carefully re-

During the first year after planting no pruning or training is usually giv en, although it is perhaps a good plan with vigorous plants, especially if the season is propitious, to rub off all except the straightest and strongest of the young shoots that start. The foi- net members for the qualifications of lowing winter the vines should be their wives alone there would be a big pruned and staked before they start to O. K. after every name. grow, the size of the stake used de-

ed from year to year.

and condition of the plant, the location, climate, soil and other features of its environment and the principles governing its life must be considered.

right a branch is the more sap flows ton society. into it; the sap when abundant and acbe cut when frozen or while the sap is prominent place among playwrights." shape of the plant,

In pruning one or more of the following objects are usually accomplished: Parts of plants removed, renewed, pro- sured success. moted or retarded; wounded and disproved; the fruit made to ripen earlier facilitated.

Methods Used In Pruning.

There are various ways in which the objects of pruning are accomplish-For instance, the growth and health of a plant are promoted and the size of the fruit is increased (1) by removing all the diseased parts and suckers. (2) by shortening extended shoots, side shoots and laterals, (3) by putting upright the part whose rapid growth is desired and (4) by removing the fruit buds or fruit. The plant is retarded in growth and made to bear earlier and richer fruit by shortening the leading shoots and leaving the fruit bearing wood and by bending down the branches and ring pruning them. The healing of wounded and diseased plants is promoted by removing the injured parts and dressing the wound. The head of a plant is renewed by cutting off the branches above; the head is made to grow thicker by cutting back the outer branches and to grow thinner by amputating all canes on which there is too much growth.

There are so many species of grapes, each having peculiarities of its own and therefore responding most readily to certain cultural methods to which it is best adapted, that the pruning, training and growing of vines, which otherwise may appear quite simple, become complicated operations in which comparatively few people grow expert, and vineyards in which serious mistakes

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MRS. WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN (AT TOP)

If Mr. Wilson had allowed the women of the country to select his cabi-

Mrs. Bryan, the wife of the secrepending on the method of training tary of state, is a most important link in the social chain. To her will fall By the third year all vines should the delicate task of maintaining have erect, straight stems, with two friendly relations between the wives or more canes growing from the prin- of all foreign diplomats and other wocipal part, out of which the head or men of the cabinet and the social crown is to be formed and from which world at large. Mrs. Bryan knows the growth of the vine is to be renew- Washington from the smallest details of its government machinery to the To prune intelligently the age, size complicated maze of social intricacies. She will be aided in the duty of official entertaining by a daughter and daughter-in-law

Mr. McAdoo, the new secretary of A statement of some of the more im- the treasury, is a widower, and his portant of these life principles follows: eldest daughter will act as hostess for The sap flows with greatest force to her father. The McAdoo family will the outer extremities; the more up- make a notable addition to Washing-

Mrs. Burleson, the wife of the new tive produces wood; the more abundant postmaster general, will need no inthe flow of the sap the larger and later troduction to Washington society or the fruit; the ascending sap grows the public in general. She has lived richer the farther it flows; checking at the capital for a number of years the flow of the sap makes the plant as the wife of a popular member of bear earlier and produces more and congress from Texas. She makes richer fruit. The vine usually bears its graceful use of her pen in playettes fruit on new shoots growing from the and work of a light and witty nature. wood of the previous year. The time It is often said, "What a pity Mrs. for pruning is in winter, when the Burleson does not devote her entire vines are dormant. They should not time to writing, for she might take a

flowing rapidly. Summer pruning is Mrs. Josephus Daniels adds another practiced on the young growth to regu- graceful southern woman to official solate the quantity of fruit and the ciety. She is already well known in Washington, where her mother, Mrs. Worth Bagley, lives. As the wife of the secretary of the navy she is an as-

Mrs. Franklin Lane is another cabieased plants cured; the shapes and hab- net woman already identified with its of plants modified; the size and Washington life. She is foud of music, quantity of the fruit increased or di- art and literature, has an artistic home minished; the quality of the fruit im- and likes dancing and the lighter accomplishments of society. The secreor later; a regular succession of fruit tary of the interior and Mrs. Lane secured, and the spraying, training, have two children, a son of sixteen cultivation and gathering of the fruit and a daughter, Nancy, ten years old. Mrs. Lindley M. Garrison, wife of the new secretary of war, is a stranger in Washington, and so is her husband. She is a western girl, but was raised in Philadelphia. Her father was

Captain Samuel Hildeburne, U. S. A. Mrs. Redfield, wife of the new sec retary of commerce, is familiar with the duties devolving upon the wife of a cabinet member. She is a New York woman, but has spent part of each season in Washington since her husband became a member of the house. A Democratic woman said recently of Mrs. Redfield, "You cannot better describe her than that she is exactly the type of woman you would expect to be associated with the Wilson administration and has the same tendencies. same likes and dislikes as has Mrs.

Secretary William B. Wilson of the new department of labor will have the youngest bostess for his household of any cabinet member, Miss Agnes Wilson, who will take her mother's place, as the secretary's wife is not fond of society and prefers to keep her young family on the farm in Pennsylvania.

The secretary of agriculture and his wife are now in Washington, and Mrs. Houston is making her first acquaint-

ance with official circles. James C. McReynolds, attorney general, is the only bachelor of the cabi net. He will probably have twenty invitations for dinner in a single night and become at once a lion of society.

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