

TREES ARE TRUE FRIEND TO MAN

Many Reasons Why They Should Be Planted—They Are Useful as Well as Ornamental.

There are many reasons why trees should be planted in cities and villages. During the hot days of summer the streets which are shaded by trees are preferred to those which lack this protection. The temperature is much lower; and as the pavements are not exposed to the glare of the sun, there is less of reflected heat. The streets that are lined with shade trees are more attractive to the eye; and their superiority is readily apparent when compared with those on which there are no trees. The shaded street, being cooler they are more desirable for residences, and other things being equal, property is more valuable and commands higher rents. The air is purer by reason of the foliage, which inhales carbonic acid and exhales oxygen. The leaves absorb the poisonous gases generated in hot weather by the decomposition of animal and vegetable matter, and thus an active source of disease is eliminated. During hot summer days the diseases incidental to that season are not so prevalent in streets and localities which are protected from the heat of the sun by large overhanging trees. At a meeting of the New York Medical Society, a resolution was passed in which the opinion was expressed that "one of the most effective means for mitigating the intense heat of the summer months, and diminishing the death rate among children, is the cultivation of an adequate number of trees in the streets."

Beautifying Cities.
The city of Washington is justly known as one of the most beautiful cities in America on account of the seventy thousand trees that adorn its streets; and there are many New England towns famed for their attractive appearance, due largely to the beautiful trees planted by village improvement societies. It is said that Paris has 80,666 shade trees, and that \$60,000 are expended annually in caring for them and planting additional ones. Both Washington and Paris have nurseries in which seedlings of desirable species are propagated with special reference to the requirements of street planting. Poorly developed plants or saplings are discarded, and only the straight, thrifty ones are selected for use on the city streets.

In street planting care should be exercised to select species which, when fully grown, will be of a size suitable to the width of the street, and in making a choice only such could be selected as are best adapted to the peculiar conditions which influence their growth in cities.

Selection of Species.
In making a choice the first thing to be considered is the width of the street; also the width of the sidewalk or nearness of the houses. Where the house stands near the curb, trees with a tap root are preferable.

The following list includes all, or nearly all, the species which are desirable for street planting, most of which are quite common throughout New England and the middle states. They are named in the order of their desirability, although in some instances their preference is somewhat a matter of taste, concerning which any discussion would be a waste of time.

Wide streets—American or white elm, hard or sugar maple, tulip tree, basswood (Linden), horse chestnut, sweet gum, sycamore, (buttonball), white oak, scarlet oak, red oak, white oak, honey locust, American chestnut.

Narrow streets—Norway maple, white or silver maple, red maple, alder, cucumber tree, ginkgo, bay willow, pin oak, red flowering horse chestnut, black or yellow locust, hackberry, hardy catalpa (speciosa), Lombardy poplar.

Many to Select From.
In any attempt to secure a comprehensive variety it should be remembered that, including the conifers, there are over five hundred native species in the United States and Canada, and that there are over ninety in the middle and New England states. Many of these are used in forestry work, but are not adapted to streets and highways; and many others are desirable for lawn or park but nowhere else.

The elm stands first on the list by right of its superior size, beauty, and adaptability to street planting. It is rapid in growth, withstands transplanting, and pruning better than most other kinds, and will grow on almost any soil. Its habit is such that any pruning of the lower limbs

is seldom necessary, a valuable feature in a street tree. It thrives not only on country roads and village streets, but also in our larger towns. New Haven has attained national fame as the "Elm City" on account of the many beautiful trees of this kind which line its streets. There are various forms of the American elm. Emerson in his "Trees of Massachusetts" describes three distinct shapes. The most desirable one for a shade tree is that with the umbrella shaped top, and slender, pendant branches on its outer edge. In transplanting or in giving orders to a nursery care should be taken to secure this particular form.

Hard Maple for Shade.
The hard maple or sugar maple is so well and favorably known as a shade tree that it is unnecessary to dwell here upon its beauty and symmetrical proportions. It is seen at its best in village streets and along country roads, where the conditions are better suited to its fullest development. In the crowded streets of large towns this species, in some places, has been unable to withstand the effects of smoke, dust and other unfavorable conditions. But it can be planted with good results on streets where the houses stand on large lots with plenty of ground or wide lawns around them. On city blocks, where the houses are in solid rows, preference should be given to the Norway maple, a nursery tree which resembles the native hard maple closely, although not so large. The Norway puts on its leaves earlier in spring, and retains its verdure later in the fall. The varied and brilliant autumnal colors displayed by the leaves of our native hard maple make this species desirable for ornament as well as shade. No other tree combines so many shades of color in the fall—scarlet, orange, yellow and green. These different hues may be seen on one tree, often on one branch and sometimes on one leaf.

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