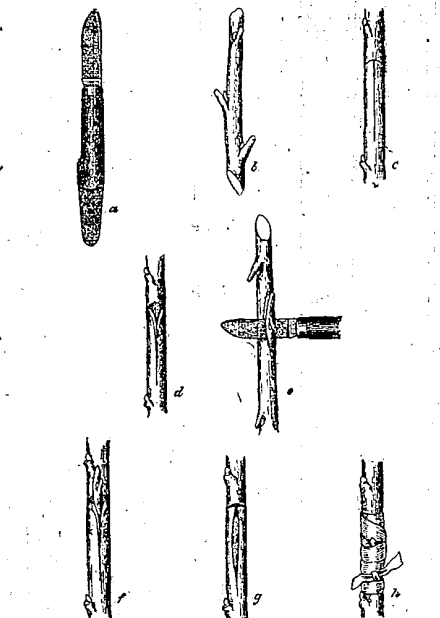


PEAR ONE OF MOST LUSCIOUS FRUITS UNDER CULTIVATION

Trees, However, Are More Difficult to Maintain in Healthy Productive Condition Than Apple—Neglect in Many Instances, Becomes Prime Cause of Ultimate Failure.



Budding: a, Budding knife; b, bud stick; c, lengthwise incision with cross cut at top; d, opening of bark for insertion of bud; e, removing the bud; f, inserting the bud; g, bud inserted; h, bud properly wrapped.

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The pear has long been regarded as one of the most luscious of the many kinds of fruit brought under cultivation. The choice varieties excel most apples in rich, juicy texture and delicacy of flavor, and for both domestic and culinary purposes, either canned or in the fresh state, the pear is considered a great acquisition. With a proper selection of varieties and with careful handling and storing of the fruit its season of use may be extended from midsummer to late winter without resorting to artificial means of preservation.

Pear trees are more difficult to maintain in a healthy, productive condition than apple trees and can not be grown with the same degree of success over so wide an area of country. Such has been the uncertainty of success in growing pears in many parts of the United States that few farmers have the needed confidence to plant even the few trees necessary to provide fruit for home use. This lack of confidence too often leads to neglect, which in many instances becomes the prime cause of ultimate failure.

The operation of budding, which must be performed during the growing season, consists in removing a bud from a twig of the desired variety and inserting it beneath the bark of the stock or young seedling which is to be changed. The inserted bud is held in place by wrapping it fast with soft cotton twine, bark, or raffia. In about ten days the bud will have united with the stock and the wrapping may be removed. Then by cutting back the stock or limb to near the inserted bud, the sap is forced into the newly transplanted bud and the growth of a new tree of the desired variety is promoted.

The main requisites for success in budding are (1) a healthy condition of the stock on which the work is to be done and (2) a certain state of maturity of the buds. The bark of the stock must separate freely, so that the bud may be forced into it without injury to the cambium layer of either bud or stock. The bud sticks or scions for budding should be of the current year's growth and should have well-developed buds. When the scions are taken from the tree the leaves must be cut off immediately, leaving only a short stub of the leaf stem for convenience in handling during the operation of budding. The bud sticks should be kept in fresh condition by means of damp moss or a wet cloth, and not more than two or three scions should be withdrawn from the package at a time.

Although budding may be done as early as well-developed buds can be obtained, the common practice of nurserymen is to insert the buds in the season as the bark of the stock will separate freely. By this method of late budding the bud is allowed to remain dormant through the following winter. In the spring the wrapping is removed and where the bud appears to be sound the top is cut back as already indicated. All buds on the stock below the one inserted should be rubbed off as they start to grow, so that all the sap goes into the growth of the bud inserted.

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John D. Shoop, an Anti-Cigarette League banquet, explained his feelings in the story of the colored man.

"How are you getting along, Lazarus?" asked the master, interestedly. "I get along poorly," replied Lazarus, who complained of his misfortune at length. "Master John, I have such bad luck," says he, "that when I get up in the morning I find a good lord Lark says to me, 'Lazarus, come forth, I know I am shod' to come forth."

He Shut the Shutter. "Willie, didn't I tell you to shut that shutter?" said Mr. Boggs. "The shutter's shut," replied Willie, "and I can't shut it any shutter."

Stop the Pain. The hurt of a burn or a cut stops when Colic's Carbolic is applied. It heals quickly and prevents infection. For free sample write to J. W. Cole & Co., Black River Falls, Wis.

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An old Irishman who had made a good deal of money, but who wasn't very particular about his habits or conduct, lived in Chicago. His custom was to go downtown about once a month on an spree, and then come back home and beat up his family and break the furniture. His aged wife, who had stood him for many years, was blind.

Finally he died, and his children gave him a fine funeral. They had plenty of money now that the old man was dead, and so they spread themselves. At the church he was buried in a coffin, and the funeral was a elaborate ceremony. The blind widow was dissolved in water. She cried and cried all through the service, paying scant heed to what was going on around the eulogy was pronounced. She listened. The priest referred to the dead man in glowing terms. After about ten minutes of this the aged widow nudged her son and whispered, "Shanny, do they be havin' two funerals here today?"—Saturday Evening Post.

Possibly Willing to Assist at it. At a little party John T. McCutcheon was engaged to do a little impromptu talk talking, with the presidential possibilities for his subject. McCutcheon had made several hits. One of each, with the exception of one, went to another a Democrat. "Pretty good, isn't it?" he asked. "What do you think of his execution?" "I think it would be a damned good thing," replied the Democrat.

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