BRINGING TREES AND SHRUBS INTO FLOWER DURING WINTER

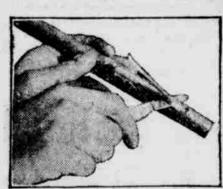
Purpose of Method Is to Imitate Natural Process in Mid-Winter at Which Time Fresh Growth Will Have Special Value - Secure Boughs During Very Severe Weather.



Showing Buds Developed.

To the gardener, the cold months of | often followed by florists when they the year must always mean a cessation in the active work of plant culture. Any scheme which will enable the enthusiast to pursue his pastime during the winter is sure of a welcome. The new method of bringing the branches of trees and of shrubs into flower at this time, is one which promises to make a valuable addition to the resources of the indoor gardener. Its very simplicity must appeal to everyone, while the decorative possibilities of the system cannot fail to attract all flower admirers.

In order to understand the purpose of the treatment the consideration of a-few natural science points may not be out of place. It is well known to botanists that all deciduous trees and shrubs bring their next season's growth to a very advanced stage during the fall. Indeed, all leaves and flowers are quite ready for the spring folded up on a very small scale beneath the protecting bud cases. Now the resumption of growth, when it does take place, is largely due to the fact that the plant starts to draw water from the soll and the fluid rising to the buds swell out the undeveloped tissue and the tree comes into foliage



Removing Bark.

and blossom. The purpose of the present method is to initiate as near iv as possible this natural process in mid-winter at which time the fresh growth will have a special value.

Nowadays when flowering trees and shrubs are so common in our gardens there will be no difficulty in finding subjects for treatment. All the ornamental plums, apples, cherries and currants, to mention only four kinds are perfectly adapted, whilst the wild species of these fruits which are to be found in the hedge-rows may be made equally useful. Bright green to take them to the field. foliage is always very acceptable and branches of trees with large buds, such as chestnuts and sycamores, may be included in the collection.

The season of the year when the system may be most successfully prac- ed by scratching the occasional stones ticed is during the months of January and February. Strange as it may seem, the buds always expand more readily if they have been subjected to a week or two of frost, so during a spell of severe weather is a good time to secure the boughs. It is, of course, a matter of importance to be able to select the boughs of the trees which are well budded for blossom. Mostly the flower buds will be fatter than those producing only foliage.

In cutting the branches from the trees it is a matter of some importance to make a clean severance, seeing plow is jarred as it swings from one that sorn or ragged fractures prevent a free development on the part of the twigs. The most shapely branches sprays are to be used in vases for decorative purposes." In order to enable the boughs to absorb water as freely as possible it is a good plan to remove some of the bark on the lower portion of the stem. This is best cut away with a sharp knife in alternate slices, as is shown in the illustration, Now secure a number of large bowls into which some hot-not scaldingwater has been poured. Tie all the branches to be treated into bundles and place the ends of the boughs in the water, at once removing the whole thing to a dark cupboard.

This emersion in hot water seems to have the curious tonic effect of stirring the sleeping buds so that when brought out into the light they will be able to commence active 000 barrels of apples during the seagrowth. Of course the method is one son.

wish to revive drooping flowers. It is just as well to leave the branches in the dark cupboard for twenty-four hours, although naturally the water will have become cold long before this interval has elapsed, but this does not matter. It is a question for the individual to decide whether the boughs shall be grown to perfection in the vases or whether they shall only be placed in the ornamental receptacles after they have fully developed. Some people do not find the leafless branches inartistic and these are, of course, soon adorned with expanding buds which give a delightful 'spring" feeling to the apartment.

Which ever course is adopted the boughs should be placed at once in pure water which it is necessary should be kept in a fresh condition. To this end it is not a bad plan to place a lump of charcoal in each vase or bowl, or change the water every day. It is now desirable that the branches should be placed in a fully light position, if possible in front of a window where they will get all the sunshine.

The speed of growth will be entirely dependent upon the warmth of the room; if the temperature is high the buds will commence to swell very rapidly. Soon the expanding flowers and leaves will be plainly visible and at this stage dust is harmful to the young

If possible, the boughs should be protected when any sweeping is going on in the apartment, and in any case the shoots will be benefited if they are sprinkled occasionally with luke warm water. It should be pointed out in conclusion, however, that the directions emphasized in the foregoing lines should be followed if the best results are desired.

WOODEN SHOE FOR THE PLOW

Piece of Board 30 Inches Long and 12 Inches Wide Protects Sharp Edge From Stones.

When farmers start to plow in the spring or fall it is usually the custom to load the plow or plows into the wagon or on to a stone boat in order

Many people hitch their teams to the plow and drag them, writes J. G. Beattie in the Wisconsin Agriculturist. This, however, is a bad mistake, because the plow edge is not only spoil-



that lay along the road, but the whore side to the other.

To save the time of bothering with a stoneboat, or the exertion of lifting should be selected and all along it the plow on to a wagon each time it should be borne in mind that the has to be moved, we take a board 30 inches long and 12 inches wide. This board is beveled out in the center so that when the plow rests upon the board lengthwise and is pulled forward, the plowlay grips the board and holds it there in place. The under side of the front edge should be rounded off with a draw shave.

> Japs Learn Sheep Industry. During the past two or three years Japan has sent some of its expert stock growers to America to learn how to raise sheep and it is understood that sheep raising will be extensively engaged in over there.

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The Photographer's Way

"I've been looking at your framed photographs down in the reception room and I don't like any of them!" studio and posed herself gracefully on the Louis XIV. chair.

"What's the matter with them?" asked the photographer.

of my own-you know I attend art Now, there's a certain stiffness in all of those photographs downstairs-

say is that your art school needs a has won medals-two of them in Paris!"

"I can't help that," returned the girl, gently but firmly. "On the face tremely worried look-you can see that the camera was held a second too long and the product isn't easy and natural."

"Well, but Madonnas are all sort of worried-look at the great ones," protested the photographer, earnest-

The girl smiled amusedly, as she might have smiled at a small boy expressing his views on art. "But, don't you see, they're natural in those great pictures," she said. "The worry, if that's what you call it, isn't because the Madonna's afraid her mouth will be stiff from holding the expression too long. Her eyes aren't stiff from being afraid of winking and blinking. Do you see what I mean?" She draped her train more gracefuly.

"Well, we've got to hurry now," said the photographer, glancing at his watch and looking meaningly at the closed doors of the various dressing "How do you want yours I suppose you want to pose yourself?"

"Of course," responded the girl, coldly. She smoothed back her hair and smiled sweetly, bending a trifle | 1,800 bushels of oats and 300 bushels forward. "There, I think this is a of flax." very good pose," she remarked, modestly.

"Um-hum!" the operated smiled. "That'll be a peach. It'll give you a nice big head and bring the forehead out beautifully! It'll quite hide your smile with your nose, which will be large enough for any modest human being, and if I take it full length people will wonder whether one foot is really so much larger than the other or if it's just your shoes."

She heard him snap the bulb-it clicked loudly-and so she knew that had to git.-Judge. was over. "Now, another pose, please!" He

was aggressively polite. The girl in the evening gown held herself frigidly. "I think I'll have one, now, sitting dreaming-not any particular pose. I'll just put myself in the attitude and when my expression is really that of a dreamerwhen I've sufficiently forgotten your presence and that of the camera-

you may snap me." The photographer drew up a chair with much commotion and settled himself in it. "All right, get set!" he ordered, wearily,

The girl, for lack of a window, selected a certain leafy fly to set her

soul upon in meditation. 'Well," she exclaimed, after five silent minutes had elapsed, 'why don't

you snap me?" "I haven't seen that dreamy expression yet." The tone of the photographer was calm

The girl opened her lips to speak but closed them and took up her position again. "Snap me in two minutes!' she ordered, tersely,

She dreamed during what seemed to her several minutes without hearing a sound from the camera. Her lips were dry and her eyes ached from being kept in one position. She closed her eyes a second for rest, wiping her lips with her tongue, when-click! She knew the photograph was taken.

"Just two minutes," exclaimed the photographer, energetically, as he shut his watch.

"Do-do you think it will be good?" queried the girl, apprehensively, "Ijust know I blinked and that I had my tongue out in that last one!"

"Well, you can't tell about these artistic pictures," commented the photographer, sagely. "But I'll tell you what I'll do-I'll take a few quick snaps, now, on my own hook. Just you sit and do what I tell you and I think ye'll manage to get a few good poses for you."

When the door of the dressing room closed on the girl in pink the photographer said to his assistant, who had come in to remove the plates: "I fooled her, all right-can't afford to let these people run the studio. Why, every woman would be trying to pose herself and they would spoil plates by the score. She took some classy poses-and when she was tired holding them I snapped the case of my watch shut-and told her how fierce the pictures would be. Of course, I'll tell her that they came out too dark to be recognized, so she'll have to be satisfied with one

of these poses that I made her take. "Now, send in the next one."

FLAX GROWING IS PROFITABLE

WESTERN CANADA FARMERS BE-COMING RICH IN ITS PRODUCTION.

So much has been written regarding the great amount of money made out of growing wheat in the prairie provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, Western Canada, that many other products of the farms are overlooked. These provinces will always announced the girl in the evening grow large areas of wheat-both gown, as she emerged from the dress- spring and winter—and the yields will ing room into the photographer's continue to be large, and the general average greater than in any other

portion of the continent. Twenty, thirty, forty, and as high as fifty bushels per acre of wheat to the acre-yields "Well," replied the girl, "I've ideas unusual in other parts of the wheat growing portions of the continentschool and we've studied portraiture. have attracted world-wide attention, but what of oats, which yield forty, fifty and as high as one hundred and "Stiffness!" interrupted the photog- ten bushels per acre and carry off the rapher, brusquely. "Well, all I can world's prize, which, by the way, was also done by wheat raised in Sasnew teacher! Why, every one of katchewan during last November at those photographs that you criticise the New York Land Show. And then, there is the barley, with its big yields, and its excellent samples. Another money-maker, and a big one is flax. The growing of flax is extensively carof that 'Madonna and Child' that's ried on in Western Canada. The marked 'First Prize' there's an ex- writer has before him a circular issued by a prominent farmer at Saskatoon. The circular deals with the treatment of seed flax, the seeding and harvesting, and attributes yields of less than 20 bushels per acre, to later seeding, imperfect and illy-prepared seed. He sowed twenty-five pounds of seed per acre and had a yield of twenty-nine bushels per acre. This will probably dispose of at \$2.50 per acre. Speaking of proper prepa-

ration of seed and cultivation of soil and opportune sowing, in the circular spoken of there is cited the case of a Mr. White, living fourteen miles south of Rosetown, "who had fifteen acres of summer fallow a year ago last summer, upon which he produced thirty-three bushels to the acre, when many in the district harvested for want of crop. Now, there can be no proper reason advanced why such a crop should not have been produced on all the lands of the same quality in the adjacent district, provided they had been worked and cared for in the same manner. This year (1911) the same man had one hundred acres of summer fallow, had something over 3.800 bushels of wheat. He also had

There are the cattle, the horses, the roots and the vegetable products of Western Canada farms, all of which individually and collectively deserve special mention, and they are treated of in the literature sent out on application by the Government agents.

Hadn't Brought It.

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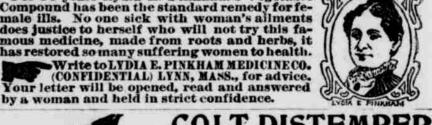
Purifier and the result was wonderful. I feel like another person. "I think your remedies are the best on earth and cannot express my thankfulness to you for what they have done to me. I help my neighbors when they are sick, and I shall always recommend your medicines."—Miss Ella McCandless, Montrose, Col.

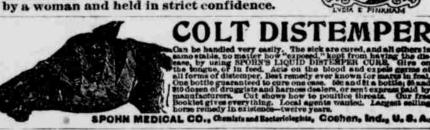
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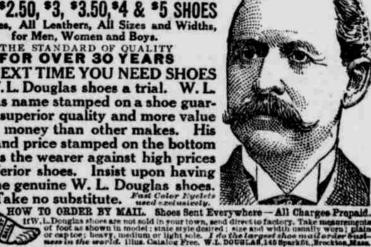






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