

PLANT YOUNG TREES.

Among farmers generally there seems to be a prevailing idea that large trees are best for planting. At least, in ordering, a great majority of the farmers who buy to plant order large trees, which choice I believe to result more from custom than any other cause, and it would be to the farmer's interest in selecting the size to plant, to give this subject more consideration than is generally given.

In planting on the farm what advantages over small trees can be claimed for the larger ones? Not any. If small trees are planted properly, and for the first two years are given a little extra care and cultivation, they will, in every case make finer and better trees, a much handsomer, more valuable and durable orchard than the larger.

Large trees lose in removal, besides the greater part of the tap root, about one half or more of their most valuable roots, consequently leaving the tops too large in proportion to the amount of root, the evaporating surface far greater than the absorbing, and when planted, even though the buds swell and apparently begin to grow, they may soon wither and die from not having sufficient root to furnish the needed fresh supply of nourishment.

The condition of the trees may be bettered somewhat by cutting back, but even then their vigor will be greatly impaired, and they can never equal in thriftiness of growth the smaller trees with roots and tops entire. Large trees are apt to become leaning, crooked or unhealthy from being blown about or shaken by the wind.

With small trees the case is far different, just the reverse in every particular—they have every advantage over the large. At the nursery they cost less; if procured from a distance the freight charges are less, besides being more easily handled and planted. They are surer to grow, for having roots that are not mutilated, almost entire, and proportionate to the size of the tops, they will become established at once and grow; and then making nearly the whole of their growth upon the ground on which they are to remain, they soon become acclimated and perfectly adapted to the soil and location, making more stocky and healthy trees. And now, with all these advantages in favor of the smaller trees, besides the testimony and experience of all the most successful orchardists and large planters, is it not more advantageous to plant young trees?—E. L. WALKER, in *Farmers' Home Journal*.

FLOWERS.—Show us the person who loves flowers, and we will show you one that has a warm heart, that gushes forth joy to those around. It may be hid beneath a rough exterior, but like the unsightly rock, which, when broken open has gems inside that sparkle and dazzle the eye.

Don't pass through this world as though it was made for you, and use it for the one selfish, sordid motive, to make money and hoard it away. Work to please others—try to make your home beautiful and attractive. Don't repress the ardour of your children if their taste runs to "fixing up" the old birthplace.