



FIG. 2769. HOW TO PRUNE RASPBERRIES.

of Walkerton. Turner, Reliance and Marlboro are the best early varieties, the latter, however, having the preference both for shipping quality and productiveness.

Pruning the Raspberry

IF not already done, the work of cutting out the dead canes should be finished this month to give room for the new growth. Not only should the dead canes be cut out, but the superfluous young canes should be removed for five or six canes to each stool are quite sufficient, and too many will tend to choke the vigor of the plantation. The pruning of the bushes themselves should be done very closely, as the small, weak ends of the canes will not yield much fruit, and yet they withdraw strength from the bearing buds. These should be cut back to where the buds are strong and well developed; and the side branches should also be cut back in the same way as the canes, leaving short stubs from three to four inches in length. Both blackcaps, and red raspberries, the Cuthbert especially, may be treated in this way. The method will be better understood from the accompanying engraving (Fig. 2768) than from a whole paragraph of reading matter.

The Past, Present and Future of the Canadian Horticulturist

THE first number of this journal appeared at St. Catharines in January, 1878, so that on the first of January, 1904, it completed twenty-six years of its history.

That number was a little sixteen-page monthly, and as an introduction Mr. D. W. Beadle, who had been the efficient secretary of the Association since 1860, wrote as follows:

The directors of the Fruit Growers' Association have long felt the importance of having a monthly publication as a medium of communication between the members, and a means of imparting information on subjects of interest more frequently and promptly than can be done by the annual report. And now, after careful deliberation, they have decided to make the experiment, and commence to-day the issue of the *Horticulturist*, in the hope that it will find favor with the members. It will be devoted chiefly to the publication of such information as is sought after by those who are interested in fruit culture, yet not neglecting those kindred subjects which are closely connected with that pursuit. The lover of fruits is also usually a lover of flowers, and delights to surround the house with a well kept lawn. It will therefore contain occasional articles intended to guide and help those who seek to cultivate flowering plants and shrubs, and to make their grounds bright with summer flowers. And if the less showy, but not less important vegetable garden should have a place now and then in these pages, there are those among the readers, it is believed, who will welcome any timely information in this department also.

But while the directors will spare no pains to make the *Horticulturist* acceptable and profitable, it will nevertheless be, in a very large degree, what the members shall make it. If they shall use it as the medium through which they tell each other of success and of failure with particular fruits, flowers, trees, etc., then will it become what the directors hope, a mirror, in which is reflected continually the horticultural progress and skill of Ontario. They ask, therefore, that the members will regard it as their publication, put forth in their interests, to help them in whatever way they can, and to be used by them for the promotion of horticulture in this Canada of ours.

Mr. Beadle was well qualified to edit such a magazine, having had a college education as well as a practical training in horticulture. Under his able editorship the journal became very valuable to fruit growers, and the