

QUESTION DRAWER.

A Seedling Peach.

1182. SIR,—I send you two samples of a fine seedling peach which has fruited this year for the first time. The tree is vigorous, hardy, and productive.

Jarvis, Ont.

T. H. L.

This is a magnificent yellow fleshed peach, equal to the Early Crawford, which it much resembles in appearance and quality, only that it is a clearer red.

Seedling Plums.

1183. SIR,—I am sending you two samples of plums grown from some suckers given me by a lady in Ottawa, which have borne heavily the last three years. Would you please give me the name of them or name them for me if they are not a known variety, so that I may exhibit them.

Ottawa.

W. H.

Few people except nurserymen seem to know that named varieties of fruits are propagated by either budding or grafting on some seedling stock, and that suckers from the latter will be of the nature of the stock and not of the graft.

These Plums are Seedlings, too small to be of commercial value at this season (Sept. 12th), and not worth adding to the list of named varieties.

A Cedar Hedge.

1184. SIR,—What is the proper time to plant a cedar hedge, and what is the best way of putting it in, and what size plants to use? The above will much oblige yours truly,

Seaforth.

BEATTIE BROS.

Evergreen may be removed at almost any season of the year, providing the removal is not followed by excessive drouth. The sap of these trees is gummy, and if once dried the tree will not recover. May or June is usually counted a good time, because the rains which follow settle the ground, and the trees will become established before the summer drouth.

We would advise small in preference to large size trees; for if a cedar or spruce tree

once becomes stunted, it rarely ever recovers itself. We would advise buying cedars (*arbor vitae*) that were about two feet in height.

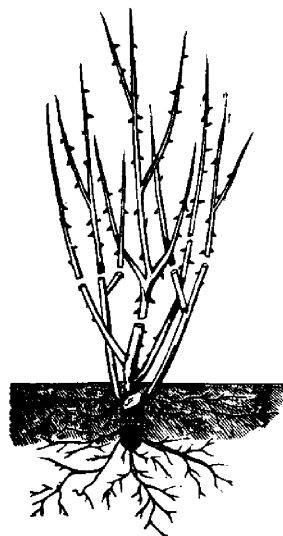


FIG. 1930.

Pruning Roses.

1185. SIR,—Kindly tell me how to winter and prune my outdoor roses. They have been set out two years, and I have tried bending the branches to the ground and covering them with straw for protection, but many of the branches are now becoming too large to be bent down, and those which were bent over have never fully recovered their upright form. How can I protect them this winter without making them unsightly? Should they be pruned, and if so, in what way? Many of the branches appear to be quite dead.

Elgin.

J. R. DARGAVEL.

H. P. Roses, which we presume are referred to by our correspondent, need to be well pruned back every year in order to encourage the growth of an abundance of young wood, for bloom is produced upon the young growth. They should be pruned first in the spring time when the growth is nicely started. We give an illustration showing about how this work should be done. If two or three good buds are left upon each branch they will be all that are