



FIG. 1274.—NATURAL GROWTH OF CURRANT.

stem between the surface of the soil and the first branches. If the cuttings are planted in the fall, the three buds that are left will each make a growth of at least eight or ten inches during the following summer. At the fall pruning these shoots should be cut back to two buds each; from these, two more

shoots will be formed the next season, thus forming a bush of six branches. These branches should all be cut back at the winter pruning, so as to leave them from four to six inches long, being always careful to cut back to an outward bud. Each terminal shoot should be cut back, at the winter-pruning, until