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nation's methods of preserving forest growths, one against the other, in a practical manner. Two tracts of land, already partially covered with trees, and each about five acres in extent, have been assigned to the respective Governments as the laboratory for their tests. No trees will be cut from either tract. Rather transplanting will be resorted to, and when the Exposition opens miniature forests, perfect in every detail, with narrow gravel walks winding in and out, may be seen. In one respect the exhibits will be the same. Each display will embrace practically the same number of trees, and they will be practically of the same varieties. Here the similarity ceases, however. The treatment will accord with the practices in vogue in the respective countries. In the American arboretum the trees will be planted, trained and pruned according to the American idea. In the German forest garden will be reproduced, in miniature, the effects that obtain in the forests of the Fatherland, and the story of how the wonderful forests of Germany have been preserved through ages, and renewed from time to time, will be told by practical demonstrations. The exhibits will be in charge of the most expert foresters to be found in the two countries. Practical demonstrations and tests will be made every day during the Exposition. Trees will be transplanted, and the most approved apparatus for this work will be shown in actual operation. Trees will be pruned and trained, and all the implements used will be a part of the exhibit. Trees will be inoculated with disease, and when the disease is fully developed the most approved treatment will be accorded the affected trees. Careful data will be kept on all such experiments, and the results will be made known, together with a full description of the treatment, in order that the preservation of the forests may be accomplished. This novel plan shows with what interest the science of forestry is regarded in Germany and now in the States. It suggests a lesson also to Canadians that their own interest in the subject has not begun any too early.

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