

❖ Question Drawer. ❖

Labels for Trees.

772. SIR,—A short time ago I picked up in my garden a zinc tree label marked "Washington, 1871. Beadle." I well remember marking all my trees with these labels, with ink made from a recipe given in the *CANADIAN HORTICULTURIST*, but have lost the copy. Could you give it me? The label has been exposed to the weather ever since, and is as good as ever.

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Zinc labels are excellent for outdoor use. Even lead pencil marks on zinc are indelible. Some that were written ten years ago, are as legible as at the first. An ink for writing on zinc may be prepared as follows :—Verdigris, 1 oz. ; salammoniac, 1 oz. ; rain water, $\frac{1}{2}$ pint ; mix in an earthen jar. Mr. Hutt, of Guelph, uses celluloid labels, and writes with an ink made of varnish, drop black and turpentine.

Trellising Grape Vines.

773. SIR,—Regarding trellises or espaliers for grape vines, I venture to suggest that the best has not yet been attained, and that a more convenient form of support than any of those generally seen would possibly increase the number of vines planted by making the culture easier and the vines more prolific.

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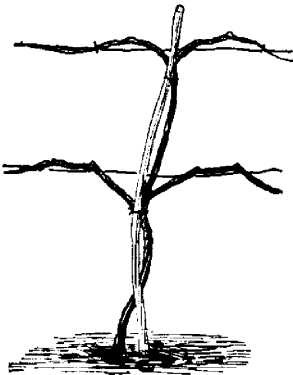


FIG. 897.

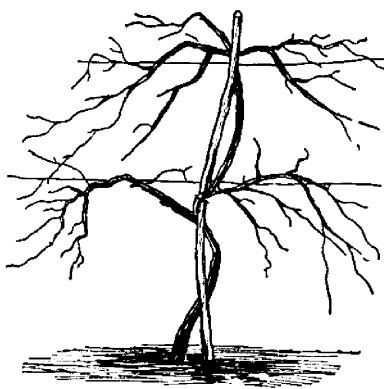


FIG. 898.

Probably no simpler contrivance for supporting the vines than the Kniffen system, shown in the accompanying illustrations, can be devised. Two wires only are needed as supports, and posts may be planted twenty feet apart, with lighter poles between. Every spring the wood is pruned back to four arms, two on each wire ; no summer pruning or tying is needed, because the young growth simply hangs down from the horizontal arms.