

But no matter what system of plough culture is adapted to deepen the soil; any one of them will be found preferable to the old method of digging what may be well termed "post-holes," (no matter what their diameter may be), down into a hard retentive sub-soil, half filling it up with surface soil and manure, and then plant the tree. For the first year or two it may succeed very well, the young rootlets finding plenty of plant food close at hand, rush downwards and luxuriate in it during the dry season,—by and by comes a season of wet, the hard retentive walls of undisturbed sub-soil, act as a tub to retain the stagnant water, and the poor tree condemned to a life of wet feet, as surely pines and falls into decline as a young girl would under similar circumstances.

#### TREES AND WHERE TO GET THEM.

Speaking from my own experience I prefer to have my trees grown as near home as possible, then to have the land all prepared and everything in readiness, so that they might be dry, carried and set in the shortest possible time. With proper care trees removed under such circumstances will scarcely receive any perceptible check in growth. This, however, is not often practicable for the intending planter. He must do the best he can in that particular, and to get the varieties he requires, may have to order from a great distance and be obliged to put up with all the disadvantages of so doing. He should, however, be careful that his order is sent to a reliable Nurseryman, or should he deal with, or through agents, select those in whom he has implicit confidence, giving orders to such as are known for probity, and honest dealing with their customers.

I regret to say that *that Genus*, "the tree peddler," has not been unknown amongst us, and think the evils and disappointments resulting from his operations should be classed in the same category with those other enemies of the fruit culturist, the "Curculio," "Canker Worm" and the Borer, &c.

There has been an excessive demand for extra sized trees for some years past, and nurserymen must furnish the supply even while knowing the principle to be incorrect. To obtain these large trees they have to be forced by stimulating manures and high cultivation, especially during the last years of growth in the