

HORTICULTURE.

(Under this heading all questions relating to flowers or horticulture will be answered.)

STRAWBERRIES.

SEPTEMBER planting is the best for new beds, but those who delayed doing so last September should now have strong first runners ready and plant them in rows two feet apart, and one foot apart in the lines. This close planting I advise at this season of the year, for the reason that it is easier to attend to them and get them good and strong for setting out next September, than where they are planted over a wider space, and it is also more convenient to layer and attend to the runners, if more stock is required. Bear in mind, the best runners are those taken from the young plants, therefore these beds are most useful as nurseries for raising your stock. When forming and increasing your plantation next September, lift every other plant, which will then leave the stools the same distance apart every way. Plant on well manured ground, and it is most important to firm it thoroughly, but the ground must be dry, and well mulch the bed before hot weather sets in, which keeps the ground cool and the fruit clean and it is a safeguard against swilling when watering with the hose, and the water passing through the mulching is a considerable help to the plants. Mulch with long stable manure. It is a good plan to plant a drill of onions between the strawberries, as it secures the working so necessary for the plants. In selecting your strawberries, it is well to choose some late varieties—the Californian fruit coming in early and the mid-season fruit follows with a rush which is soon over, so that late fruit is most valuable. By planting a bed under a north wall, the fruit can be obtained very late in the season.

J. W. WEBB.

Fern Hill, Boleskine Road, March 17.

SOIL FOR STRAWBERRIES.

A very rich garden spot, or any soil highly charged with humus, stimulates a too vigorous plant growth at the expense of a good yield of perfect fruit. In addition to the extra expense of having to "work the plants to death" to keep down weeds on such a soil, here is where the plants first begin to sicken and to die during the long and sometimes very dry summers of this latitude.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Editor Horticultural Department—I have a young apple tree, which has disappointed me in bearing several years. It has made good growth, and is healthy. Would you advise me to graft it with another variety, and can you tell me how to do this?

POMONA.

Answer—Probably your tree has made too much growth from the roots getting into a cold sub-soil, or too much manure is in the soil. Root pruning might alter its character. If you think the fault does not lie here, by all means graft it with a variety that fruits freely in your district. As this is the season for grafting and the

subject will be generally interesting, I will write on it in next week's paper.

J. W. WEBB.

It is evident that the British Columbia horticulturists are awake to their interests and are determined to have and keep clean orchards. The following from the *Rural Northwest*, of Portland, Oregon, will show the drift of sentiment across the northern border: "Oregon fruit growers or fruit dealers who have been in the habit of shipping fruit to British Columbia will have to be very careful about what they send after this. The authorities have given notice that they will hereafter quarantine all Oregon apples, and if there are any traces of worms or other insect pests discovered, the apples will be destroyed."

J. W. WEBB, Gardener.

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