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Shorthand Wreckers, is the caption of an article in the *Cosmopolitan Shorthander* which rather interests us. In it the Fruit Growers' Association is compared to a noble ship, and the reporter of our Winter Meeting at Stratford to a wrecker who, under the guise of a skillful mariner, undertook to navigate into the fair port of Brevier the stately vessel. It gives examples of a few of the pieces of wreckage, only too familiar to the Secretary, and which may interest some others as literary curiosities. Here are some specimens:

“Mr. C.—What do you find hardy here and make nice plants?”

Mr. A.—What Mr. B. said. I think the Norway Spruce is a very good tree, it makes a good protection. The English Thorne the insects seems to destroy the leaves, and it doesn't seem to stand the spring frost.

Mr. C.—Have you tried Veitchii? Lilacs are all hardy.

Mr. F.—How is Japanese Snow Balls?

Mr. E.—Can you grow Sponkers?

Mr. A.—They grow very little.

Mr. C.—I think with Red Cedar or Arbor Vitae.

Mr. B.—I like Red Cedar.

Mr. D.—The question by the Secretary to that unpronounceable word Veitchii, that is not hardy. I was a little erratical about that. It killed within four or five inches.

Mr. B. * * * I was very much amused when in the west on passing a large wheat field to see some two or three hundred head of cattle having the peculiarity of our cows. There was no dash, nothing of the sort, they were in a good pasture field. There was no

trouble of them getting across the line, and seeing that these cattle were not scattering through this large wheat field; looking for a little distance I saw some of the native ponies with little boys on them, they were a short distance away, if the cows moved away from the rest they would give a peculiar whistle that made the cow turn tail back. There is wire fences there.

These extracts may serve to still further explain the reason why our Report for 1886 is so much smaller than usual. We could not avoid crossing out page after page of such nonsense, and then we made the best sense possible of the rest.

We are glad to be able to announce that the services of Mr. Thos. Bengough, official reporter, Toronto, have been engaged for our summer meeting at Collingwood. It is only necessary to mention this gentleman's name to assure our readers of a faithful report of the meeting.

The next Biennial Meeting of the American Pomological Society will be held at Boston, commencing on Wednesday, September 14, 1887, at 10 a.m., and continue for three days.

The venerable President, M. P. Wilder, had hoped to live to meet his friends once more so near home, but his life was not spared to realize this ambition, to the great regret of all concerned. In the meantime, Mr. P. Barry, of Rochester, the First Vice-President, is called upon to fill the President's office.

All horticultural, pomological, agricultural and other kindred associations in the United States and British Provinces are invited to send delegates.

The Massachusetts Horticultural Society has appropriated the sum of \$500 to be offered in special prizes for fruits to be exhibited during the meeting.

The Balsam Fir and the Norway Spruce are both severely condemned by the *Rural New Yorker* for ornamental planting.