

## ✧ The Garden and Lawn. ✧

### HARDY ROSES.

If the roses are planted in the fall the operation should not be performed until the foliage has almost fallen from the plants. When planted, a few inches of the points of the shoots may be trimmed off and the very weak shoots cut clean out leaving only two or three of the strongest. Then give the bed a good mulching of short manure, and as soon as cold weather approaches a thick covering of leaves—if they are to be had—should be applied, securing them with brush or otherwise. If no leaves can be had branches of evergreen stuck thickly among the plants will prove of great benefit. The ensuing spring, say end of March or beginning of April, the leaves or other protection should be removed, the bed spaded lightly over and the plants pruned back to five or six eyes.

After the first year the pruning may be managed as follows :—Cut away all the old wood in the fall, just before making the plants snug for the winter, and thin out the new growth if necessary, leaving from three to four or more shoots according to the strength of the plants. In the spring after uncovering—and do not be in too much of a hurry about the latter—the shoots may be pruned back to from six to twelve eyes, according to the strength of the shoot—the rule being, the stronger the shoot the more eyes may be left. For it should be always borne in mind that the more wood you leave the more work you assign the plant for the coming season, and the work should be in every case in proportion to the strength of the plant. This is the only general rule that can be given as regards pruning, though there are some other features connected with it that can only be learned by experience.

The Rev. S. Reynolds Hole, in his incomparable work on roses, says:—"He who would have beautiful roses in his garden must have beautiful roses in his heart. He must love them well and always. He must have not only the glowing admiration, the enthusiasm and the passion, but the tenderness, the thoughtfulness, the reverence and the watchfulness of love. He is loyal and devoted even in storm-fraught or sunny days. Not only the first on summer mornings to gaze admiringly on glowing charms, but the first when leaves fall and leaves are chill to protect against cruel frost. To others when its flowers are faded it may be worthless as a hedgerow thorn ; to him in every phase it is precious."

It is a great blessing for any busy man to have some recreation—something to break in on the monotonous treadmill of everyday cares and troubles, and those whose tastes lie in the right direction will find the culture of roses admirably adapted to this purpose.—*Western Stockman.*