

the centre of the hole the highest, in order that the roots may lay at ease on it. If the soil is poor, mix some old compost with the earth. Having the trees at hand proceed with a sharp knife to cut all broken and bruised roots; set the tree and place the roots in their natural position, and separate those that lie together. Carefully guarding against setting too deep, let the upper roots lie two or three inches below the surface when the earth is levelled. The roots being adjusted place fine loam on them, filling up closely under the heel of the tree with your hand; when the roots are all covered with fine loam take a portion of fine old compost and spread all over; fill in with the remainder of the top soil and finish with the subsoil, gently pressing the outside of the hole with the foot, finishing the whole level with the surrounding land. The trees being all planted, make a cavity round each tree, pour into each not less than one pailful of water, at the same time holding the tree upright till the water settles. A few hours afterwards fill in the cavity level around the trees. Watering in time of drought may be necessary to save the trees the first year. Mulching may save this trouble or render but little watering necessary; one pail of water with mulching to retain it will do more good than six applied to the baked earth, where it will soon evaporate. Mulching is the application around trees of straw, waste hay, salt hay, shavings, or anything that would tend to keep the moisture in the soil during drought.

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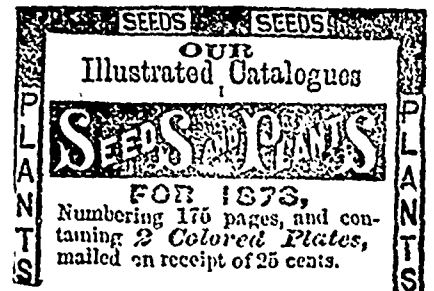
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