

they are planted the better will be the crop the ensuing year. In other countries it is usual to plant both in the spring and fall ; but I find that plants set out in the fall in this country invariably fail to become well enough rooted to withstand the winter and give good crops the following season, and a plant that does not thrive from the first time that it is put into the ground will never amount to anything as a fruit producer.

For growing plants, it is best to select them from stock that has not been allowed to fruit, but which has been kept expressly for that purpose. It will be found that plants grown in this way will be more vigorous than those grown from stock that has been partially exhausted by fruiting. There are several methods of cultivating plants, of which I think the two following are the best : The first is to take small flower pots three inches in depth ; these are filled with specially prepared, moist, rich soil ; they are then completely embedded below the surface. The runners are placed over the pots and held in place with a small, flat stone, or with a small wooden peg. With a little moisture and favorable weather, the little rootlets will soon find their way into the fine earth waiting to receive them, and in a few weeks the plants will be ready for removal. Another and much simpler plan is to put in the little plants as they are thrown out on the runners of the older stock. A little care in setting the runners will be well repaid by a better stock of well-grown plants ; if left to catch where they can, high winds will often do a great deal of harm in shifting the runners, and so disturbing the young plants before they are well rooted, and in this and other ways it is often too late before they become well enough established to stand removal. No young stock should be allowed or expected to bear fruit the first season after planting, nor will it be found profitable to allow even the few flower trusses they throw out to remain ; these should be pinched off, as the gain made in the small amount of fruit they will bear the first season, will not compensate for the drain it makes on the vigor of the plant. I fancy I hear someone say I can't afford to let any crop have the use of my