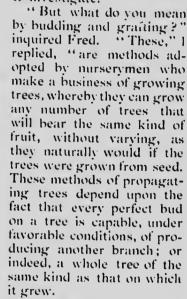
them would bear as good fruit as the McIntosh, although it is just possible that even better fruit might be produced. Some day you may

find this an interesting thing

to investigate.'



The Melntosh in our

Fig. 68. A glimpse in the nursery.

garden is a budded tree, which was obtained from Mr. Smith's nursery, where he grows thousands of other trees just like it. In growing these trees, Mr. Smith had in long rows in the nursery, thousands of little seedling apple trees (that is, little trees grown from apple seeds), which, if allowed to grow naturally would, he knew, bear a great variety of

mostly inferior fruit, but he had heard of the excellence of the McIntosh apple, and intended to make them all bear McIntosh apples ; so he wrote to Mr. Melntosh and got him to send all the young shoots he could spare from his Melntosh tree. From these shoots, which were ob-

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Fig. 69. Budding the seedlings.

tained in July, Mr. Smith's men budded the little seedling trees in the nursery rows. The bark on each little tree was cut open near the ground, and one MeIntosh bud was put in and bound firmly in place.