

### Woodheap Refuse.

There seems a very general but mistaken idea amongst amateurs that the soil scraped from a wood-yard is an ideal mixture, and capable of growing anything from an orchid to a cabbage. Quite recently a friend asked me to look at some pelargoniums that he had potted up, but which did not seem to thrive. He had used the "woodyard" mixture just as it was, and I had to look no further for a cause. Nearly all our native trees contain a large quantity of "tanin," and the soil collected under the woodheap must be sparingly used in consequence, besides it is seldom properly rotted. If scattered over the ground and dug in it is useful, but is absolutely hurtful to plant life when used by itself.

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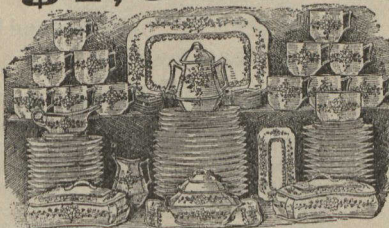
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