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HEDGES FOR THE PRAIRIE At the convention of the Western Horticultural Society, Prof. S. A. Bedford gave a very interesting talk on hedges for the country and city. A lively discussion followed. Professor Bedford's address as given in the annual

report is as follows: Hedges can generally be classed under two heads, the low hedge for ornament, and the tall one for a windbreak. The former is adapted to city uses, the latter gives the best satisfaction on the

Whether the hedge be high or low care should be taken to select the right tree or shrub for the purpose, as some plants do not readily adapt themselves to the requirements of a hedge.

Stately trees like the elm are not naturally hedge plants, while low-growing and shrubby trees like the Ash Leaf Maple readily take the shape required for a hedge.

For the best results a hedge plant should stand pruning and naturally branch close to the ground, otherwise the hedge will look thin and bare. Trees with coarse open branches such as the Poplars or Cottonwoods, are unsuitable for this purpose, and no amount of pruning will make them attractive.

For the city or town a hedge can with advantage be planted on each side of a walk or driveway leading to the residence. For this purpose low-growing, fine-sprayed plants should be used as a coarse hedge would obstruct the view, and look out of place, the native Snowberry, with its tiny berry blossom in summer and pretty white fruit in the fall, is excellent for the smallest-sized hedges, as it takes kindly to pruning and can be kept down to one or two feet in height. The native Spirea found all over the prairie is another excellent plant for this purpose; it makes a hedge a little taller than the former one, and is covered with showy flowers in early summer; it stands pruning well, and there is no difficulty in getting it to thicken out at the base. It is suitable for a hedge from three to four feet high and is well adapted for planting beside wide walks or narrow roads leading to a residence.

In the city a hedge is often req for the purpose of a dividing line between two neighboring houses, where a fence would look unsightly; for this purpose it should be somewhat taller than the other two hedges I have mentioned, but still neat and compact. Nothing is better for this than Purple Lilac; it stands pruning well, if a somewhat low hedge is required, and blooms freely if left unpruned. The foliage is a bright green right up to severe frosts, but pruning must be frequent if a shapely hedge is required.

For the purpose of a screen between the front and rear of a house nothing is better than Caragana, if properly pruned, but this shrub is difficult to train unless taken very young, and it should be planted in the hedge row when one year old and cut back severely at once; it will then start to branch close to the ground and make a very handsome hedge. Its soft silver foliage and bright yellow blossom make this a very attractive hedge plant.

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