

## QUESTION DRAWER.

### Fruit Trees to Border Tennis Court.

991. SIR.—What varieties of plums, pears, cherries and early apples are best to plant on three sides of a tennis lawn, about 90 x 90 x 80?

E. COWDRY, *Simcoe*.

The following list would give an interesting variety; the apples 30 or 40 feet apart, and the others 15 or 20: Plums—Abundance, Bradshaw, Washington, Reine Claude. Cherries—Geo. Wood, Knights Early, Black Tartarian, Napoleon, Windsor. Pears—Giffard, Marguerite, Bartlett, Anjou. Apples—Astracan, Duchess and Wealthy.

### Flowering Hedge.

992. SIR.—What would make a pretty flowering hedge?

E. C.

*Spiræa Van Houtti* makes a wonderfully fine show of white bloom, and bears the shears well; Privet is an old stand by, but shy in bloom; Japan Quince has an abundance of red bloom in early spring; *Clethra Alnifolia* is fragrant.

### Flowering Shrubs.

993. SIR.—Please name six uncommon flowering shrubs for a front lawn?

E. E., *Simcoe*.

*Elæagnus longipes*, *Exochorda grandiflora*, *Cotoneaster vulgaris*, *Hibiscus*, *Hydrangea paniculata grandiflora*, *Rhus cotinus*.

### Grapes for Garden Fence.

994. SIR.—Please name three varieties of grapes to grow against a trellis fence?

E. C., *Simcoe*.

Three good varieties, one of each color, would be Lady (white), Wilder (black), Lindley (red).

### Diseased Plum Twigs.

995. I enclose samples of twigs of plum

trees dying apparently from some disease. Can you explain?

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*Reply by Mr. John Craig, Ithaca, N. Y.*

The plum twigs marked with circular or oval pustular spots appear to be affected by a shot hole fungus or one closely allied such as *cercospora* or *phyllosticta*. In twigs of this kind the mycelium of the fungus is probably the only form present, and from this it is difficult to identify the species.

These leaf spot diseases injure pears and plums immensely. They may be prevented by spraying with Bordeaux mixture.

### Pear Twigs Injured.

996. SIR.—I have a few trees of dwarf pears marked like the enclosed, is this the San José Scale? If you will kindly reply you will oblige me, for if it is the scale I will burn the trees affected.

G. H. STANFORD, *Hamilton*.

*Reply by Mr. John Craig, Ithaca, N. Y.*

The pear twigs are not affected by San José Scale. The small swellings on the bark does not seem to be due to a fungus, these swellings are merely a deposition of corky tissue caused by some form of mechanical injury.

Larger specimens should accompany an inquiry of this kind.

### Sacred Lily (so called).

*Reply to Question 975.*

With reference to Mr. John S. Landus enquiry, and Messrs. Webster Bros. reply.—If planted in the ground like any other "*Polyanthus Narcissus*" it does perfectly well and may be left to bloom year after year but when it blooms in water the bulbs become exhausted and had better be thrown away.

J. R. ANDERSON, *Victoria, B. C.*