

tested the water used in watering my plants with the thermometer, and cannot give the proper temperature in degrees. My own impression is that it is of less consequence to raise the temperature of the water than is generally supposed. I have used the city water here (St. Catharines), direct from the hydrant, without perceiving any injurious effects. But I apply it early in the morning—about sun-rise—and allow the sun to warm it as it ascends towards the zenith. Nor has enough been used to keep the temperature of the soil abnormally cold. Perhaps a liberal application of stable manure would render the soil less thirsty.

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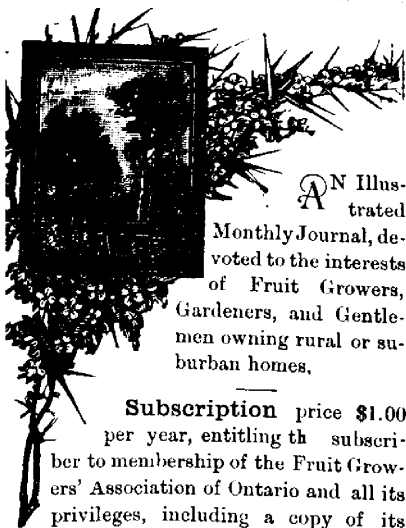
45.—Quart Boxes.—Mr. W. B. Chisholm, Oakville, who advertises in this number, says: "Re M. E's query in May No. I would say that we can make quart baskets, or any other size to order, providing a little time is given us.

Messrs. A. C. Rice & Co., Sarnia, also write: "We make the full quart, the same as are used in the States. We ship them either flat or made up."

Privet makes a very good ornamental hedge, where ornament only is the object. The chief objection we have to it is its rapid growth, requiring rather frequent clipping during the busy season of the year; but if trained in a conical shape the work is much less than if trained with a square top. A writer to the *American Garden* recommends the California privet (*Ligustrum ovalifolium*), and the common kind (*L. vulgare*), to be planted thickly together. He says they make a perfect thick green wall of a hedge.

Another pretty plant for an ornamental hedge is *Spiraea Van Houttei*, one of the prettiest, as well as the hardiest of the *Spiraeas*.

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