

1st,—Be careful to preserve one central leading shoot to dominate all others, and thus avoid those dangerous forks or crotches which are sure to split sooner or later.

2nd,—Every limb that points inward must come off, and when two limbs cross or touch each other one must be taken out.

3rd,—All crowded and superfluous branches from the interior of the tree, and all robbers and suckers from the trunk or roots must be carefully cut away. If every tree is gone over once in the year with a careful, thoughtful eye, looking to the future and seeing in the infantile plant the sturdy trunk and well developed branches of the full-grown tree, then will the sound of the *saw* cease to be heard in our orchards, and have become a thing of the past! then will the sight and feelings of enthusiastic cultivators cease to be offended by mutilated and mangled trees from the hands of ignorant and careless men. But alas! there is an *if* in the way, and the "millennium" of Fruit trees has not yet come.

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