

orchard should be cultivated and manured until the tree produces quinces so large that about sixty of them would fill a bushel basket. Such quinces would always command a ready sale in our markets, while the little scrubs we often see will go begging anywhere.

Again, the pruning of the quince is shamefully neglected by most people and a more unsightly mass of suckers and matted branches can scarcely be imagined than the quince tree will produce when neglected. The whole work, if done annually, can be performed with a good pruning knife. The tree form is undoubtedly the best, having branches quite near the ground. Every spring the

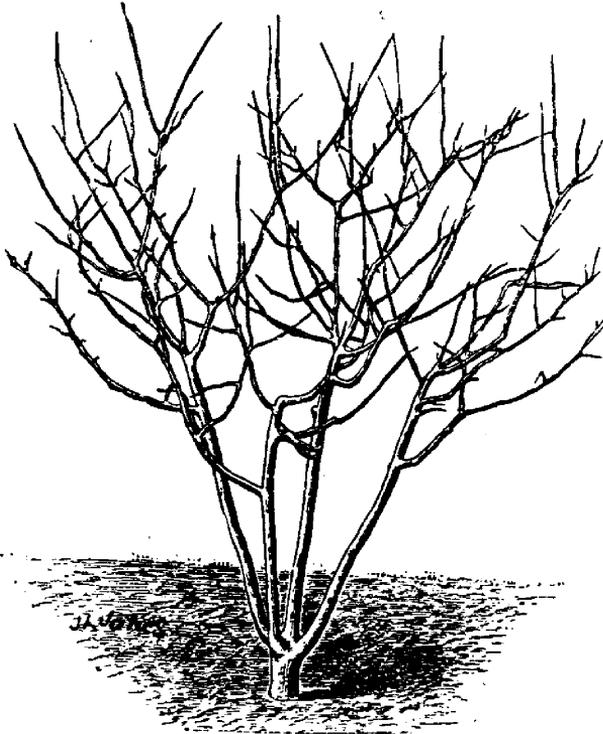


FIG. 25.—QUINCE TREE AFTER PRUNING.

new wood should be cut back, leaving only some four or five buds, and the old wood should be thinned out as seems necessary. We give our readers two illustrations from *Orchard and Garden*; Fig. 24 being a sample of a quince tree before pruning, and Fig. 25, the same after pruning. It will be evident to any one that a tree left without this treatment would bear more fruit than could be brought to perfection, and much strength would also be lost in supporting useless wood.