Pruning Fruit Trees & & & & &



Showing how severely the side shoots are pruned in winter

has been cut, and consider the appearance of the Vine in autumn when all the leaves have fallen. It consists of a central stem upon which, at intervals of 15 inches or so, are the matured and browned shoots that have produced grapes. They are 12 inches or perhaps rather more in length. Autumn pruning consists in shortening these side shoots by half. There is nothing more to be done until early spring; January is a suitable month for pruning Vines in an unheated or only slightly heated greenhouse. At that time the side shoots are further shortened; they must be



In tying the young Vine shoots to the trellis in spring, draw them down gradually, at intervals of a few days; or they will break off