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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

OUR HORTICULTURAL SOCIETIES will be pleased to learn that arrangements are now being completed by the Department of Agriculture for the sending of a lecturer to visit each affiliated society at an early date. We have great expectations of the results that will be gained by the regular visits of such a lecturer, for he will familiarise himself with the possibilities before such societies, and encourage them in working out the greatest usefulness. Gathering large numbers is not the aim in sending out the lecturers, but rather to gather together the few in each place who wish instruction, if it be only a baker's dozen of people in somebody's parlor.

FOR FERTILIZING ORCHARDS, says Farm and Home, leguminous plants have great value. The details of their growth, cul-

tivation and utility should be studied, that we may learn how and when to use the different varieties to best advantage. Their roots penetrate deep into the soil, making it more porous, and decompose more or less of the hardest substances with which they come in contact. The roots also support bacteria which have the power to change the free nitrogen of the air into plant food. The thick epidermis of the leaves prevents rapid evaporation from their surface. The heavy foliage shades the ground checking the loss of moisture by the direct action of the sun and wind, at the same time keeping the temperature of the soil at a lower point through the hot months than if clean cultivation was used.

MR. WARREN H. MANNING, in a report recently made to the park commissioners of