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Covering Tree Wounds.

EVERY little while a recipe for making a shellac wash for this purpose appears, and one would think, if he did not know otherwise, that this was the preparation most commonly used. I doubt if one person in 100 who have occasion to use such a wash ever uses shellac. It is troublesome to apply and expensive to make. The shellac must be dissolved with alcohol, which costs too much for any such purpose, and in applying it with a brush the alcohol evaporates so quickly that the brush soon becomes like a stick. Then we sometimes see recommended, and often see in use, gas tar, which has no place and never had for any such purpose. Many are the trees that have been killed by it. It is too penetrating, and contains injuri-

ous ingredients. Whenever the application of tar reaches clear around the body of a thin-barked tree it may be expected to kill the tree outright.

Grafting wax is good when it is plastic enough so as not to peel up in cold weather, but this is slow of application. Best of all for all ordinary purposes for a covering for wounds and bare places is common linseed oil paint. It is easiest of all in application, it lasts for years on the dead wood, it does not kill the tender bark or check its growing.—*N. S. Platt*, [*E.x.*]

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