fully recognized. The pelt is dyed and smoked and pointed till it loses all semblance to its former self and adorns the shoulders and satisfies the whim of fair women under many names. His bright-colored identity is perhaps buried deepest under that type known as Pointed Fox. The skins are first dyed a deep glossy black after which white Badger hairs are securely cemented to the roots of fhe fur. When carefully done, these white hairs do not come out and it is even claimed by some that being coarser than the Fox fur they help in the durability of the Fox. Be that as it may, the Red fox so created bears a close resemblance to the expensive Silver Black.

From the Peace River in Canada have come in the last few years a few skins of a whitish Red Fox, mingled no doubt in some way with the small White or Arctic Fox.

How Plantations Grow!

By FRANK J. FRENCH

CHATHAM.—Reforestation has never been considered seriously in Kent. Few men care to wait half a century for monetary returns. "We will be gone before they are worth anything," is often the selfish reply when advised to plant trees. Here big crops and speedy returns are expected from the genial climate and fertile soil. Indeed, it is a common occurrence for the farmer to have the money from his bean crops within a hundred days of planting. Still, trees grow while we sleep and even the years have a trick of fleeting away as most of us can testify.

Over 60 years ago Squire Fisher abandoned his log cabin of pioneer days and erected a huge frame mansion and barn on the banks of Paincourt Creek in Chatham Township. He surrounded his dwelling with a large apple orchard, while the front yard was thickly planted to Norway spruce. Although he built and planted so well, fate decreed that another family should inhabit the house and eat the fruits of the orchard.

The spruce grove was left untrimmed and rapidly assumed the appearance of a miniature forest. Under its canopy children played on its needle carpet, while above the robins nested in the Spring. Yet through Summer's heat and Winter's cold the grove kept ever green the memory of its planter.

Recently the barn was burned down. The huge, hewed, oaken timbers and whitewood siding cannot be replaced. In casting about for timber the owner bethought of the spruce grove and engaged a carpenter to look it over. They are cutting the trees. Sticks measuring over two feet across the stump are common. When felled some measure 70 feet in lenght. The owner values the acre of timber at \$1,000.

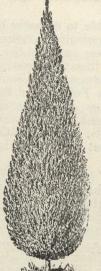
Reforestation is practicable in Kent, but I would not advise the planting of spruce. We have many more valuable and faster growing trees.

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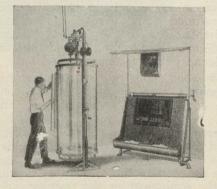
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