

best for many reasons : It is the cheapest ; the grapes are up from the ground ; never have muddy fruit ; have a free circulation of air under vines, and less mildew than by any other system ; the fruit is more easily clipped from the vines ; and I can grow more pounds per acre.

I also send you sketch of post and cross-piece (fig. 63) I use for holding up red raspberries. I cut my posts 5 feet long, sharpen them and drive them 16 feet apart in the row. I nail a piece of lath 13 inches long just 3 feet from the ground and saw a notch, as shown, at each end of the cross-piece. When the wires are made fast and moderately tight, then I lift them into the notches. This trellis is simple, cheap, and will hold the canes without tying.—*American Gardening*.

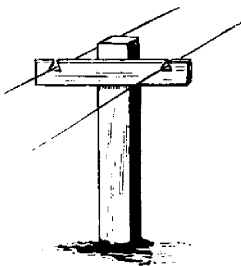


FIG. 63.—RASPBERRY-TRELLIS.

A DEPARTMENT OF BEE KEEPING.

No. 485.

SIR,—Would it not be wise to open a department of bee keeping in the CANADIAN HORTICULTURIST? The two occupations are quite in line with each other, as the bees are friends of the fruit grower, helping to fertilize the fruit by carrying about the pollen.

AGRICOLA, *Grimsby*.

Replies from Bee Keepers.

There would be nothing inconsistent in adding a bee keeping department to the journal. Bee keeping and horticulture are allied industries. I believe it is a common practice among the floral and horticultural journals in the Old Country to set apart a portion of their papers for the discussion of subjects pertaining to apiculture. Whether you could maintain such a department in the HORTICULTURIST is a question. I apprehend the necessary "copy" would be uncertain in supply, as good articles are eagerly sought after by the journal devoted exclusively to bee keeping.

R. MCKNIGHT, *Owen Sound*.

SIR,—On my return home your letter was handed me. It would be wise to call the attention of fruit growers to the great benefits they would derive from keeping a few bees. Where bees are kept largely much better crops of fruit are secured, as fertilization is absolutely necessary in order to secure good yields. There are many localities where bees are kept exclusively for fertilization. Of course they may take honey from them as well ; but some of our best fruit growers have found that bee keeping, in connection therewith, has enabled them to reap a double benefit. We do not think that it would injure any bee periodical, but, on the other hand, that it would be a benefit to the *Canadian Bee Journal* to have a department in the HORTICULTURIST, and in the same way we may say that we have frequently thought that it would be wise to occasionally have a little horticulture in the *Canadian Bee Journal*, and we have no doubt it would be beneficial to your most valuable journal.

D. A. JONES.

PRUNING HEDGES.

No. 486.

SIR,—Will you give, in next number, some advice as to pruning cedar and spruce hedges ; time of year, etc. ?

ROBT. MCINTOSH, *Newcastle, Ont.*

Since evergreen trees are always in foliage, there is less reason for choosing a special season, than for deciduous trees. A good time is in summer, just as the current season's growth begins to turn hard, because it will check the growth without injuring the plants.