



GARDEN TOOLS, &c.

In the March number, we gave cuts of several pruning tools, &c. We now add a few more, for use more especially in the garden.

Fig. 1. is a Ladies' Garden Fork. It is made of steel, neatly finished, is light yet strong, and is very useful for working among plants and flowers. They are made with either round or flat prongs.

Fig. 2. is called an "Avarrancator." It is attached to a pole, and operates by means of a lever moved by a cord and pulley. Its use is to enable a person, standing on the ground, to prune trees, some of the branches of which could not, perhaps, be pruned by any other process. Branches of one inch in diameter may be easily cut off with this instrument. Avarrancators of small size are also very useful in cutting off from shade and fruit trees small branches to which insects have attached themselves; they are also used for gathering fine trees, which, when cut, will fall into a basket attached to the instrument when used for this purpose, and for cutting scions and buds, which it is always important to take from the top branches.

Fig. 3. is a Tree Scraper. The cut represents a very convenient form for scraping and smoothing the bark of trees. It is simply a triangular plate of steel, each edge being four inches long, and attached to a socket through the centre, with nut and screw. A wooden handle is fitted in this when used.

Fig. 4. is a Floral Rake. It has six teeth, with a polished steel hoe blade on the opposite side, with handle fifteen inches in length, for weeding beds, &c. It is a neat implement for ladies' use.

Fig. 5. represents a Grass Edging Knife, which is used for paring the edges of grass bordering walks, &c.

All these tools are very useful, and are now sold so cheap that ladies, who are not afraid to work with their own hands in the garden, should insist on being well supplied with them.

WATERPROOF CLOTH.—For waterproof cloth, a saturated solution of water, sugar of lead, and alum, being prepared, the cloth should be immersed in the fluid for a few hours; on withdrawing it, and allowing it to dry, it will be found impervious to rain. The cloth should afterwards be hot-pressed.