

be planted with any size of trees found convenient. Grass seed or sod may be put where desired but not about the trees. Maple, ash, elm, basswood, box elder, walnut, larch, spruce and pine, of either native or imported varieties will develop rapidly.

For rapidity of growth only, it is likely the box elder will stand first, then the white elm and ash. In this climate the new wood on either

may reach six or eight feet a year. A little further south the catalpa, ailanthus and chestnut will equal or pass these. It will be easy in any locality to find trees which will soon grow to a conspicuous size. The time spent in fitting the ground before planting is more than gained both in smaller number of failures and in the more immediate growth of all. Forest trees resemble fruit trees and repay all the care, though in a different way.

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The Judas Tree.

THE Judas Tree or Red-bud of the middle and Southern States (*Cercis Canadensis*) is in bloom. It is one of the most beautiful flowering trees of North American forests; and there are no more beautiful objects than the great masses of this tree in some parts of the South or South-west, notably along the eastern borders of the Indian Territory and in eastern Texas, when they are covered with their purple flowers in very early spring. There the Red-bud becomes a tall tree, with a stout trunk; further north, although nearly always arborescent, it never attains the size developed in the more favorable climate and more generous soil of the South. It is remarkable that so fine a plant should be neglected by our horticulturists, who hunt the remotest corners of the earth for novelties with which to embellish their gardens, and pass native species which cannot be matched anywhere. *Cercis Canadensis* is rarely planted in gardens these days, and yet a plant in flower standing out alone before a dark background of Hemlocks or of Pines, or where it can contrast its purple flowers with the

white floral leaves (the two plants flower here together) of the Flowering Dogwood (*Cornus Florida*) is an object which fully satisfies the imagination, and one which is not easily forgotten. The Red-bud, although not a native of eastern New England is perfectly hardy here; it grows rapidly, and is an object of beauty from the time abundant flowers cover the naked branches until the late autumn, when the red-brown pods are ripe.--*Garden and Forest.*

Forest Trees for Ornamental Use.

THE autumn is an excellent time of the year to dig from the woods, and transplant on the grounds, specimens of our hardy forest trees; but do not make the mistake of too close planting, especially about the house. Maples are always fine, and to this we may add the Tulip Tree, Basswood, Elm and White Birch, Walnuts, Black and White, and Butternuts may be easily grown from seed, also Chestnuts. A grove may be quickly grown from Locust seed, and these trees, as well as the Basswood and Tulip Tree, are especially valuable as honey producers.—*Orange County Farmer.*