

wind, etc. All weeds must be cleared away. If the season is dry, the trees should be *mulched*—a layer of straw, sawdust, tanbark, spread round it—thus preserving the moisture. If the tree seems lusk to take, it should be boldly pruned, though this remedy is not always efficacious.

By following out the precepts I have just enunciated, anyone can become a successful planter. And now let us all go to work! Let Arbor Day find us all, spade in hand, ready to plant, with all our preparations made beforehand, so that nothing may take us unaware. Let us consider where we are going to plant, provide ourselves with plants, and on the appointed day, not only individuals, but teachers, schools, convents, colleges, agricultural clubs and societies, should act in unison, and so behave, that on the day after the *fête* it may be said that all have contributed to the work of rewooding the country, and have shown that they understand the important part which the forest plays in rural economy.

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