

THE CANNA.

SIR,—I received two bulbs of the Canna from the Fruit Growers' Association. One of them is growing vigorously in a pot in the open air. The leaves, however, partly die off after a while. Does the wind hurt them in swaying the leaves, or should it be kept in the house only?

JOHN MUELLER, *Waterloo, Ont.*

The Canna is a plant very easily propagated, either from seeds or by the division of the bulbs. If by the latter mode, each portion should have both buds and roots attached. The pieces may be planted in four-inch pots and grown in the heat, but this is not necessary. They will also succeed if planted in the open ground. Those which have been started in pots should be planted in the open ground as soon as the weather is fit. Plant singly in a good depth of rich soil with plenty of moisture. They ought to have warm, sheltered location, where the wind will not play too freely with the leaves. In the autumn, after blooming, they should be lifted and stored away in boxes or pots of earth for another season.

BOOK ON SHRUBS.

SIR,—Could you tell me where I can procure a small book on the cultivation of shrubs?

M. F. SMITH, *Port Hope, Ont.*

Not knowing of any book especially devoted to this subject, we referred the inquiry to Mr. Elias Long, of LaSalle, N. Y., editor of the *Popular Gardening* knowing that he has written a good deal under this head.

He says that in several of his books, which have been published, he has paid more or less attention to this question, and refers us to his larger work—"Ornamental Gardening for Americans"—which can be procured from the Rural Publishing Co., for \$2; also to a more recent work of his, entitled "Landscape Gardening," which is sold by the same concern for 50c.

SHOT LEAF FUNGUS.

SIR,—I have been a subscriber to your valuable journal for a number of years and with profit. I would be glad if any of your readers could tell me what is the trouble with my plum trees and if there is a remedy. The leaves rust, dry up, and fall off after the middle of August. Some of them are now (Sept. 7th,) as bare of leaves as in winter. German Prunes are the worst effected. I feel anxious about the trees as I am just starting fruit growing for a living. I enclose sample of the leaves.

ALEXANDER JOHNSON, *Collingwood, Ont.*

We shall be glad if any of our readers will give their experience under this head. The leaves sent us by our correspondent are affected with what is known as Shot Leaf fungus (*Septoria Cerasina*), which was described in the CANADIAN HORTICULTURIST of 1890, page 315, to which we would refer our readers.