

not room, time or means; others, that they are too old to receive any benefit from it, or that the market for fruit will soon be glutted, and with a wise look they will tell you "that *they* don't mean to get *their* fingers burnt in *that* way." All these various answers serve only as mere shadows, to screen men's indolence and utter thoughtlessness upon this subject; for were they to give it a candid investigation they would be ashamed to utter them.

It is a fact that cannot be denied, that the cultivation of fruit is one of the most profitable, sure, healthy, and noble employments in which mankind can engage. It is profitable, because its returns are large, when compared with most other agricultural pursuits, considering the land occupied and the labor employed; and the profits are sure, because the demand increases faster than the supply. It is healthy, because it gives exercise to the muscles and mind, without over-taxing either, and because good ripe fruit is the healthiest food human beings can eat. It is noble, because it is the employment, the first employment, ordained by God for man, and therefore the most congenial to his nature.

But let us look at the subject in a practical light for a moment. There are thousands of farms that are well adapted to the raising of fruit, and many of them have been cultivated by two or three generations, without there ever having been one dollar expended or one day's work employed for the improvement of fruit; and the wild grape vine that grows by the side of the brook or river, or climbs to some tree or stone pile and covers their unsightliness with its beautiful verdure, is only tolerated because it is out of the way. The berry bushes that spring up here and there in out-of-the-way places, are hunted and destroyed as if they were so many wolves. Even the apple tree that springs up by chance in the field, is trimmed to mere poles, *to prevent its shading the ground*. Indeed I have seen large orchards trimmed to mere poles, with a little tuft of twigs on the end, perhaps twenty feet from the ground, for this avowed purpose. This is all the result of ignorance. Be assured these men do not read the COUNTRY GENTLEMAN—in fact they seldom read anything. Many people because they are not posted up in all the details of fruit-raising, think that the whole subject is entirely beyond their comprehension. Now this is a mistake; and any man that knows enough to raise a good crop of corn, can raise good fruit; in fact the most that is wanted, is to know enough to follow or imitate nature.

Plant trees or shrubs as nearly as possible as they grew; give them good rich soil, and keep down the weeds, and depend upon it they will grow.

How to MILK A KICKING Cow.—It is merely to place the patient in a stall with a beam over head, and fixing a running noose over her horns, throw the end of the rope over the beam, and pull away, so as to raise her head pretty high in the air, but not so as to lift her legs from the ground; in this position she will not only be disabled from kicking, but will give down her milk without the least hesitation.