

Of all our fruits, none other is as valuable as the apple. It can be had in perfection at almost all seasons of the year; it can be eaten raw, or cooked in a variety of ways; it is healthful and nourishing, and it can be found in the greatest variety of flavours, enough to suit all tastes. Therefore, we repeat, plant out more apple trees; get good, healthy trees, grafted with good varieties of fruits; put them in good soil; prepare the land carefully, and give the trees good care, and you will find that they will prove profitable.—*American Cultivator*.

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CULTIVATION OF ORCHARDS.—Cultivators are becoming more and more satisfied of the value of common manure for bearing orchards. Those which have been regularly top-dressed have borne much better the past scarce season than neglected orchards. The owner of an orchard of six acres, in a region where not one-tenth of a crop was raised the past season, sold over three hundred dollars worth of fruit from it. He has regularly top-dressed it for several years, and two sheep to each tree have picked up the fallen fruit infested with the Codlin moth.—*American Agriculturist*,

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DR. GEORGE B. WOOD of Philadelphia, says unleached wood ashes applied around peach and apple trees, give them renewed life and activity, and greatly promote vigorous bearing. Decaying trees have been wonderfully stimulated into healthy growth, by digging four or five inches deep around the base of the stem, scraping away the worms, and filling the hollow thus made with fresh wood ashes. This was done in the fall, and the following spring they put forth bright green leaves, and bore a crop of fruit far exceeding anything they had previously done. All of his orchards, so treated, gave promise of great crops of fruit, also, this present season.

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Young trees, for some years after setting out, must be as well cultivated as corn, and after coming into bearing manure may take the place. Not much grass can grow in a bearing apple orchard, and manure seems to be just the thing to give good fruit. But to expect an orchard to pay well, when neglected in grass, is folly.—*Country Gentleman*.