

FAVORABLE REPORTS.

Some reports just received on Arnott's Concentrated Horticultural Manure :

From Messrs. Geo. Dobbs & Son, Auburn, N. Y., U. S. A.: "The 25 pounds we ordered last fall have given us excellent results. Please send us 100 pounds more."

From the Fenwick Nursery, Halifax, N. S.: "Everything in which the "food" was applied is doing well. The Calla and Easter lilies were beautiful. Chrysanthemums are looking well, also hydrangeas, fuchsias, geraniums and bench roses."

From the general superintendent department of parks and boulevards, Detroit, Mich., U. S. A.: "The sample of Arnott's Concentrated Horticultural Manure gave satisfaction."

A LADDER IN THE ORCHARD.

So long as fruit trees grow taller than unassisted man can reach so long will it be necessary for him to have at hand some assistance in reaching the higher parts of the tree. Before the leaves are put forth in the spring the careful orchardist prunes his trees and examines every part carefully for signs of disease and for the rings of eggs of the tent caterpillar. Later he may require to get to the high branches to relieve them of an overload of fruit which threatens to break the tree or to leave the quality of fruit inferior. And later still he must climb to where the ripe fruit is and bring it down for use. It will not do to wait till it falls

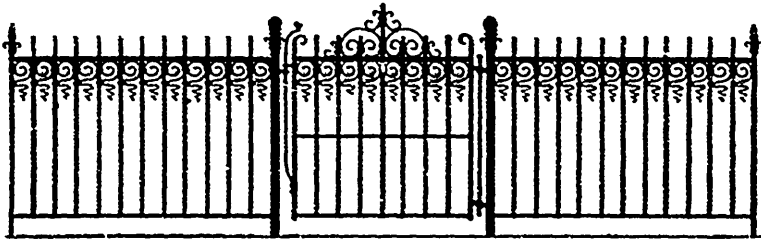
down to him or to knock it down with sticks and stones as we did when we were boys.

For all these purposes he must have a ladder and a ladder which is light, handy and strong and which can be put up in the middle of the tree as well as against the outside. The old-fashioned single ladders have served their day, but with the spraying machines, binders and the cream separators have come in the extension ladder. The fruit grower who has only one tree should have an extension ladder. It will pay him handsomely, and proportionately it will pay the man who has many trees.

Favorable Season for Packing.—We have had a splendid season for packing, writes Mr. E. D. Smith, of the Helderleigh Nurseries, at Winona, and have got out our stock in excellent time and in splendid shape. We had 150,000 trees dug in the fall and heeled in my above ground cellars. This enabled me to get the goods out to the planters over the country earlier than could possibly be done if everything had to be done in the spring, and the stock was in better shape as it was not damaged by the winter, as it sometimes is, although there was very little damage last winter.

I take a number of the best fruit journals published in the United States, but I consider The Canadian Horticulturist the most complete and valuable of any.—(J. L. Hilborn, Leamington, Ont.)

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