

## A LIVE HEDGE.

SIR,—In this section the woods are being cleared off and the wind has full sweep. If trees were used in connection with wire as fences, I think they might serve a double purpose of preventing stock from rushing on the wire and acting as a windbreak.

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A short time ago the Orange Judd Farmer gave an illustration of a living fence, cedar trees for posts. We re-produce this illustration, which we think will show our subscriber a good plan for carrying out his idea. Various trees have been used in this way. In the vicinity of Hamilton we have noticed fences supported by long rows of Lombardy pop'lars. These trees grow so upright and mark the divisions so definitely, that they not only answer the purpose of a

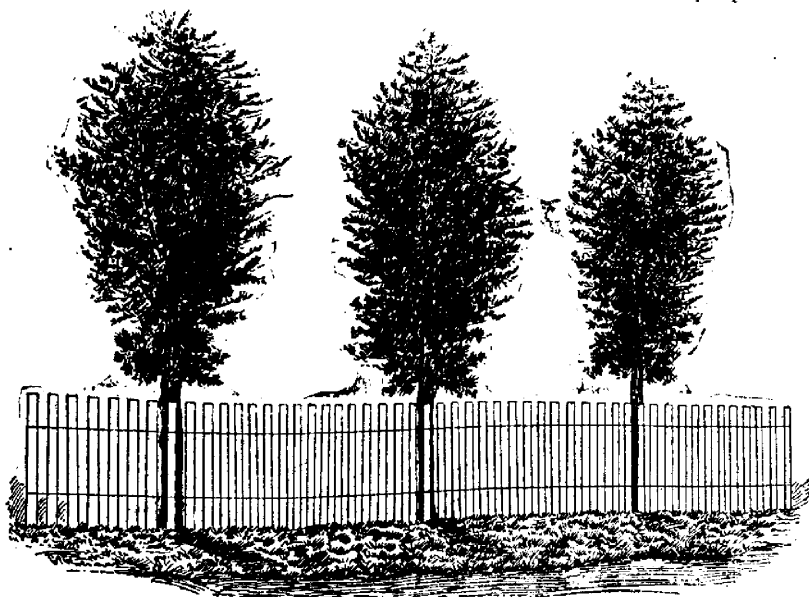


Fig. 500.—A LIVING FENCE. CEDAR TREES AS POSTS

fence, but, in spite of their stiffness, add to the beauty of the landscape. Red Cedar, White Cedar (*Arbor Vitæ*) and Balsam Fir are varieties which are suitable, because they are more dwarfish in habit, or can be made so by pruning. In earlier years cultivation will help the growth, until they have reached a height suitable for the support of the fencing. Then the tops may be cut off seven or ten feet from the ground and the limbs annually shortened. A writer in the *Orange Judd Farmer* says that he has set 150 rods of cedar trees for the express purpose of supporting wire fences, so satisfied is he of the success of the plan.

One great difficulty about our fences is the early decay of the posts. Here is a fence with living posts, such as would make them last for generations.