Beware of Tree Agents.

It would seem that, after having been imposed upon once or twice, farmers would learn the important lesson which is inculcated indirectly by the dishonest practices of canvassing tree agents. Whenever these objective cases call at our residence, as they frequently have done, they are met with such a want of courtesy that they never make a second call for the purpose of selling trees and plants. We do not hesitate to tell them plainly that we will not patronize tree agents. Nurseries are now so numerous all to tell them plainly that we will not patrenize tree agents. Nurseries are now so numerous all over the land that it will pay one generously to order trees himself, go with his team and bring them home immediately after they are dug up. As a rule, any one can purchase trees and vines of proprietors of nurseries cheaper than of tree agents. As a rule, also, when trees are purchased of the proprietors of nurseries one is almost always certain that he will get far better trees than agents would deliver. The pracking and freight which tree agents pay comes indirectly from the pockets of those who purchase the trees. Most proprietors of nurseries always have a large quantity of "culls," refuse stock, inferior and worthless trees, which are not worth the labor incident to transplanting, even if received as a gift. They are trees stunted in growth, without good roots, sickly, gnarly and utterly worthless, as no treatment will render them valuable. Honest nurserymen dig up such trees in large quantities and throw them on a pile of brush. But unscrupulous tree agents purchase them at a nominal price, dig them at their own expense and make such disposition of them as they desire. The truth is, tree agents make sales of the best kind of trees, and then often forward and deliver to their patrons the miserable culls of nurseries.

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