

QUINCE CULTURE.

SIR,—Please give me some information about growing quinces. Are quinces grown successfully in Canada? What are the principal requirements for growing them profitably? Is there much demand for the fruit? Kindly name a few of the leading varieties.

QUINCE, *Montreal.*



On page 97, volume 14, will be found an article in which the most of the questions asked by Quince are answered. In brief we may say that quinces can be quite successfully grown in Southern Ontario. They require a deep, rich soil, and good cultivation, in order to secure the best results. Usually they are neglected and become stunted in growth, and matted with interlacing branches, as shown in Fig. 427. Under such treatment the trees produce little fruit, and are unprofitable. Not only should they have the best cultivation, but also annual dressing of stable manure and wood ashes. They should be planted about 10 feet by 15 feet, thus allowing cultivation with horses in at least one direction, after they attain full growth. Some plant 8 x 10, but unless severely cut back this is too near. Fig. 428 shows a quince tree properly pruned. Some

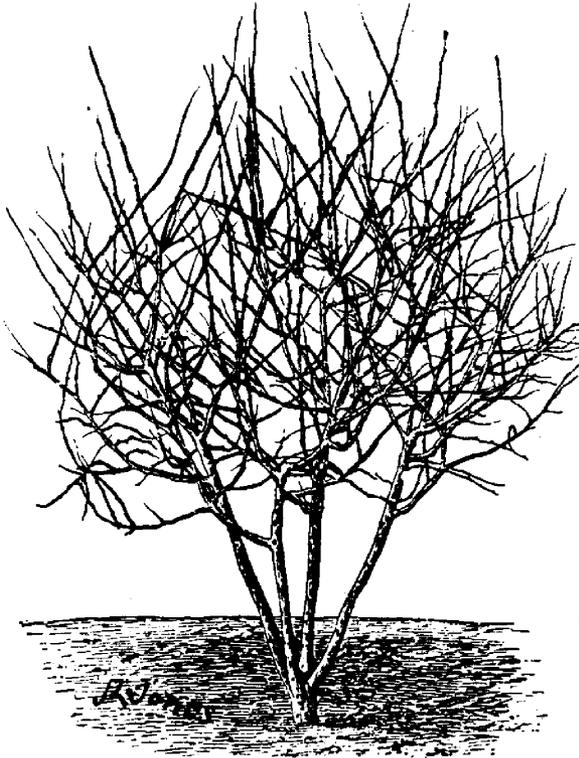


FIG. 427.—QUINCE, UNPRUNED.