

WHEN TO PLANT.—Having from the standpoint of an amateur advised "what to plant," I am fully convinced that all planting in this country should be done as early in the spring as possible. Trees and shrubs when transplanted in the fall are weakened by the loss of many fibrous roots and are less liable to withstand our severe winters.

HOW TO PLANT.—This subject, I understand, is to be dealt with by the superintendent of city parks at our next meeting, and no one is better able to deal with the subject than he.

WHERE TO BUY.—The tree agent with his "fancy pictures of impossible fruits," his cuts of magnolias, horse chesnuts and flowering plums will soon be intruding his presence on you for spring orders for plants at magnificent prices. My advice is to buy only from nurserymen and florists of good reputation, buy through catalogues and correspondence and let the smooth-talking agent severely alone.



Practical Tree Planting.

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On small ground or city lots trees not too high should be selected for planting. They should be bushy and clean looking. The look of a tall slender tree shows that it has been growing in the thick woods, and is, in consequence, drawn, and not fit for exposure. It will more or less relapse. The bushy tree has been more isolated and will stand exposure. The roots also will be bushy like the tree itself, and will have a large number of fine fibrous roots. These are what are needed, for the large roots are not of much use without the little ones. A bushy tree of this kind can be