

damp sand, and put out of the way of frost. But they must be moved at the earliest possible moment in the spring, as they readily germinate upon the slightest approach of vernal influence. In the case of *Prunus Americana*, most experienced nurserymen gather them as soon as matured, and at once commit them to the seed bed in the sure and certain hope of an early germination.

I am afraid that I am surpassing my limits in this article, but though meagerly done, I hope I have sufficiently indicated the treatment of most of the prominent nuts or hard shelled tree seeds of use in this country for purposes of germination. The subject is very interesting, and might very profitably have been treated at much greater length and consummate thoroughness, but we hope the hints dropped will in some measure at least answer the enquiries of our inquisitive horticultural friend.

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### BLACK WALNUT.

"Twenty three years ago Horace Everett planted twenty three acres of waste land on his farm, near Council Bluffs, with black walnuts. The trees are now from sixteen to eighteen inches through, and have been sold for \$27,000. This gives him an income of \$50.00 per acre for the use of the land."

The above is taken from one of our exchanges. It goes far to corroborate the views expressed by Mr. Thos. Beall, of Lindsay, and others, on the value of this tree, and the profit to be derived from a judicious planting of it in sections where it will thrive. Many a piece of broken land might at a small outlay be made very profitable by planting it with black walnut, chestnut or poplar, which otherwise would never yield anything to the owner.

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### FRUIT IN A HURRY.

This is a fast and impatient age. People want quick returns for their labor, and are not willing to wait for their gains. The impression that it will take a life-time to get fruit from a new plantation deters many from setting out trees. It certainly requires time for an orchard to come into bearing, but there is quite a variety of fruits that may be depended on to yield a speedy harvest.

The quickest return is from strawberries, and they are so easy of cultivation that it is wonderful they are not more generally grown. Set out early in spring, and well cared for, they will produce a moderate crop the