

that time taken up the idea that the growing of fruit would be profitable if good kinds were procured. This gave the agents an opportunity for selling anything for which a grand name could be furnished—a thing that they were not slow to observe and profit by. Anything asked for would at once be placed on the order book, whether they had it in stock or not. Then they invariably had some novelty to exhibit, that “surpasses anything heretofore offered.” One agent took orders for what he termed the Mammoth California Pear, at \$2.00 per tree, but when the trees he furnished us came into bearing they proved to be the Duchesse d’Angouleme, worth about 50 cts. Many other instances of fraud perpetrated by these agents might be recalled, but the above will serve as a fair sample.

Although all tree agents are not alike unreliable, still, as a rule, would it not be much better for us to stop dealing with agents altogether? When we require anything in the nursery line, let us place our orders direct with some well-known and reliable nurseryman, so that we may be assured that we get just what we order, and nothing else. This would ultimately do away with agents entirely, consequently the nurserymen, by saving their salary or commission, would be enabled to furnish stock at cheaper rates.

ORNAMENTAL TREES.

At a meeting of the New York Rural Club, Mr. Josiah Hoopes, president of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, read a lengthy and excellent paper on ornamental tree planting, from which the following brief extracts are taken. The Editor of the CANADIAN HORTICULTURIST commends them most earnestly to the careful perusal of every gentleman who plants ornamental trees. It will be necessary to modify these very valuable suggestions sometimes so that they will harmonise with the climate at the place where the planting is to be done. In that part of Ontario lying between the great lakes, Erie and Ontario, and along the shore of Lake Erie up to the line of the Great Western Railway, within the limits of successful peach culture, the trees and shrubs mentioned by Mr. Hoopes will be generally found to thrive well, but to the northward, in limits where the peach will not thrive, we can hardly expect the Aucuba or the Japanese Euonymus will flourish; nor can the Magnolias be relied upon. Some of the