
Pruning Fruit Trees

ing it will be possible to allow three or four side shoots to grow ; the following year two, three, or four more, and so on, until the top of the vinery is reached. As fresh side shoots form and bear grapes, they are treated in the manner already advised, that is to say, they are "stopped" in summer, and in the following spring they are pruned hard back to one or two buds.

Walnut.—The Walnut is commonly grown as a standard, and the little pruning that is required is limited to cutting back the branches during the first few years of the life of the tree, taking care to shorten them by about half each winter until sufficient have formed, and to keep them well apart from each other. In later years the only pruning required is to thin out shoots which tend to block up the tree, for it is necessary that the branches be kept quite free from each other.