

SPREADING MANURE.

SIR,—Will you please tell me if it is a good plan to spread well rotted manure in the trenches that are prepared for grape vines and raspberry plants? W. M. M.

Fertilizers of all kinds will have much better effect upon the vines and plants if they are thoroughly incorporated with the soil in which the roots are to grow, than if placed along in the trenches themselves, in direct contact with the plants.

PRUNING EVERGREENS.

SIR,—When is the proper time for pruning evergreens?

JOHN A. TIDEY, *Norwich.*

Evergreens may be clipped at almost any season of the year, but they will be the least checked in vigor by pruning them in the month of June, just as the new growth is pushing out.

RUSSIAN MULBERRY.

SIR,—What kind of fruit can be grafted on the Russian Mulberry? I ask the question because it is a useless tree for fruit bearing.

W. M. DOWN, *Stratford, Ont.*

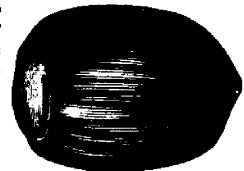
Can any of our readers answer this question?

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FILBERT GROWING IN ONTARIO.

SIR,—I can add little to what I have said already, regarding my Kentish Cob nut trees. My trees are about twelve feet apart in the row and they interlap, making quite a wind-break; like the wild Hazel, they are inclined to *spread*. I judge fifteen feet would be about the proper distance. I mentioned the twelve trees average from two to three gallons a year, and I have had as high as eight or nine. All trees from nuts I ever planted have fruited more or less, and they begin bearing in four or five years. This Kent nut, you see, has a thicker shell than the filbert, and is more like the common hazel. The Filbert, from what I hear from the States, are short-lived and very shy bearers; and one account I read of them accounted for their poor bearing, from the blossoms not being properly fertilized. A tree by *itself* I cut down because of its poor bearing.

Never having had enough for market purposes, I cannot judge of the price. In the old country, fresh nuts with their *hull on*, sold from ten to fifteen cents per pound. I now have between 200 and 300 one and two-year-old trees, intending to plant an acre; but as land is scarce with me and more valuable for *grape* purposes, I will dispose of part, say, 150, if any of your neighbors or friends desire them for experiment. I would take \$20 per hundred. I have a row of twenty trees, planted four years ago, which I expect to begin bearing next year. I noticed a nut or two on one this fall. The nuts are all shapes and sizes, but with attention and selection, one may expect to improve them in quality, etc. I have never grafted or budded any. They *will* sprout out from the bottom, and I expect a single trunk would be hard to manage.



KENTISH COB NUT.

E. WARDROPER, *Pelee Island.*