

MY EXPERIENCE IN FRUIT CULTURE, &c.

Some seven or eight years since I got 150 good pear trees, and all lived, I believe, but one, until about 4 years ago, when the blight took some of them. The trees were all true to name, which cannot be said of a great number of trees planted; nearly all of them have fruited; I have also about 350 plum trees planted out, besides a large number of apples. This part of the country is a good section for fruit, but we are troubled with the insect enemies as well as others, two most troublesome being the codlin moth in the apples, and the little turk in the plums. I don't consider the black knot of much consequence if it is watched and kept down, but too many let it alone, and I am afraid the act for its destruction is just like the thistle act has been, almost a dead letter. If I see any black knot on the stock or large branches I apply spirits of turpentine with a small brush, it kills it very soon, and does the trees no harm. I have proved this remedy time and again. If it appears on the small branches cut off and burn.

Mr. Hood, of Barrie, contributed a very good article on the Berberry in the April No. of the last Vol. of the HORTICULTURIST; but he seems not to have had much luck in raising it from seed. My intention some years since was to go on a farm, chiefly to cultivate fruit, and to grow some live fences, and knowing that Berberry would make a good hedge plant, I saved the seed in the fall and put it in a box mixed with earth, left it exposed to the frost; and in the spring, early, sowed it in rows, so that I could hoe it after it came up. My soil was a warm gravelly one. In the spring it came up by the hundreds, although I found some did not come up till near fall. It grew very fast, but out on the farm, which is rather a cold clay loam, it does not seem to make much growth, so I think it more adapted to a light soil. In my opinion it is a beautiful as well as a useful shrub, either grown in hedge or single.

I have been a subscriber for some years, and have all the Reports, which I value very much. I hail each number of the HORTICULTURIST with pleasure. When I get the last No. of each year, I pull off the covers cut out the name, date etc., and paste on the back, so that I have now three neat volumes. The colored plates also adds much more to the book. I think your subscribers have a big dollar's worth every year.

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QUESTION DRAWER.

The codlin moth had been very severe in some localities, while others are only slightly affected. I believe my garden orchard was injured more than my neighbor's. Is it because well manured and worked well? Well underdrained? How would it do to work the ground in the frost season around the apple trees?

We have not been able to find that the larvæ of the codlin moth at any time enter the ground, and therefore can not see that the condition of the soil has anything to do with the presence of the codlin moth.