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It is pleasant to note that the efforts of this office to increase the box trade to Manchester, has met with good results. In 1911 the total shipments of box apples to this port amounted to 1,319 boxes, and in 1912 the total was 4,200 boxes, showing an increase during the past year of 2,881 boxes. Box trade in choice Canadian fruit should be encouraged as much better money will be made for same than in barrels. Another reason is that the choice California and Washington fruit finds a large sale here in boxes, and our fruit packed in this way under proper conditions will surely replace the American.

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Orchard and Garden Notes

Apple trees may be top-worked on warm days late in March.

Order two or three hundred strawberry plants. The Senator Dunlap is a good variety.

Purchase a few lilac, mock orange, high-bush cranberry, Black Hills spruce and red cedar to set out this spring.

Hot-beds may be started this month. Radishes, lettuce, onions, beets, and squash are some of the crops that may be planted.

The currant is a good home fruit and needs but little care for good results. Perfection and Red Cross are good varieties.

Orchard trees may be pruned on warm days this month. Do not work when there is frost in the branches as the tools are apt to be broken.

Do not cover such fine seeds as those of celery or petunias deeply. Often a damp cloth laid over the seed on the soil will be enough.

For early onions sow seeded now in flats in the house, in hot-bed and transplant to the open field when the ground is in good condition the latter part of April.

Old berry boxes, tin cans, and paper pots are excellent for transplanting cabbage, tomato, and other early vegetables into until they can be set in the field.

Several weeks' time may be saved in growing muskmelons by planting them in berry boxes in the house or hot-bed early in April and transplanting to the field when danger of frost is past.

Early cabbage seed may be planted the middle of the month. Early Jersey Wakefield is a good variety. Sow in a box of finely prepared soil, placed in the window or in a hot-bed.

When plowing the land for parsnips and other deep-growing root plants, plow deep and keep the manure down deep; otherwise you will have a lot

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