THE GRANGE VISITOR

BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Michigan State

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I. YOUR SUBSCRIPTION

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Elective Comm. Department.

Why Plant an Orchard, and How to Cultivate It.

Ypsilanti, March 22d, 1878.

Brother Cobb:

Having read, with interest, an essay upon "Orchard Culture and Pruning," in the Visitor of March 15th, I thought it might not be amiss to add a few further suggestions upon this very interesting, as well as important subject.

The first reason I would give, why it is best to plant an orchard, is that one must be well cured for as to be worthy the name of "An Orchard" will add greatly to the beauty of our rural homes. While the trees carefully set in rows, perfectly straight, growing vigorously, with bodies erect and leaves nicely, and as far as possible, uniformly shaped, in rows, presents a feature of greater beauty upon the sight, when full of bloom, lading the air with fragrance, in summer, in all the grandeur of a luxuriant growth, or in autumn when the branches gracefully bend beneath their burden of delicious fruit.

But an orchard becomes a thing of beauty only under the band of him who takes a lively interest in its culture, and who plants, prunes, and cultivates with care, and is guided by an intelligent idea of what he desires to accomplish in the way of beauty, and how to attain it. When such are the facts in the case, there is no labor connected with farm life more interesting.

The first, and very important step in the enterprise, is to select, the best kind of soil and shape for the orchard.

Where the land is rolling, it should not be placed in the valleys where the winter wind can injure its tenderest leaves; but upon the higher lands where the circulation will be free and the temperature higher. But in both rolling and level localities it is desirable to have the force of the winds partially broken, especially upon the west and south-west, either by selecting a locality protected by forest, or by setting on those sides of the orchard a thick row of forest trees. But in case of forestation, it is desirable that there should be a distance of at least twenty-five rods or more between the forest and the orchard.

In preparing the ground for setting an orchard, it should be tilled as deeply as possible, and a heavy coat of manure turned under, just as deep as possible. The ground should be so tilled as to furnish as much sunshine to the lateral roots of the trees will run deeper, consequently, the orchard will be allowed to grow at a moderate depth with less liability to injure the roots.

Next, what shall we plant? In answer I would say, the fall would be a good time if we were sure of the supply of seed, but all things considered, I prefer the spring.

To obtain the trees, is a matter of good deal of importance. In the first place, I would say, get them where you can obtain good healthy, healthy trees; for none others are worth setting. Next, get them of dealers or nurserymen of known responsibility and integrity. For in setting an orchard for a life time, we cannot afford to be deceived as to varieties. We have quite a number of such nurserymen and dealers in our State. In some of the years past the nursery stock of some of our trees have been injured and rendered unhealthy by the hard winters, yet I believe that at the present time there are no better or harderier trees to be found in any State than we have in Michigan. For the reasons I have just mentioned, I think we shall be ready to order the nearer home we get the trees better, and if possible, I would rather delay the purchase of them, and then I would be all ready to plant them, if possible, before I would sell out.

What varieties shall we plant? In reply I would say: if you are setting out a large orchard, you had better not get a few trees of all the most approved summer, fall, and winter varieties, as this means you will find scarcely empty any time in the year. But if you are planting for profit, and the market, I would not set out more than four or five varieties, and those the very best; such as the Crow, Baldwin, Canada Red, Northern Spy, and Golden Russet. I have become familiar with these varieties, and I will not need scarcely be empty any time in the year. But if you are planting for profit, and the market, I would not set out more than four or five varieties, and those the very best; such as the Crow, Baldwin, Canada Red, Northern Spy, and Golden Russet. I have become familiar with these varieties, and I will not need scarcely be empty any time in the year.

In purchasing orchard trees, it is important to see that the trees are straight, and have a good head of growth, and a good branch. As to location, there must be a demand for an addition.

We have just learned that the rooms in the new capital have been assigned to the "authorities" to their several occupants or to their several purposes. We are accustomed to hear from all quarters in rather a haughty manner, that Michigan has erected a fine capital, at a reasonable cost. But it seems that somebody has too promptly in making the building so small. Already there are not rooms enough for the several demands on the building. At the first session of the legislature in the new quarters, very likely there must be a demand for an addition.

We have a State Agricultural Society which, in many respects, is the pride of our State. A year or more ago, the officers of this society made an application for the State House as quarters in the new capital. We have a thriving State Pomological Society, second to none in the Union for its enthusiasm and good works. This society also made early request for quarters in the new capital. The State Board of Agriculture made a similar request.

It has long been the cherished plan of some of those most interested in agriculture, to have suitable rooms in the new capitol in which to exhibit and preserve some specimens of insects, seeds, models of prints, collections of corn, or any other State or country. But the only available (?) rooms for such purposes are in the basement, reached by descending beneath the steps to the main entrance. To be sure, there are three or four rooms, and these are said to be very good. The nearest surroundings are a privy and water closet, several packing rooms for other departments, an armory, etc. The rooms are in a position not to be seen by visitors.

Is this an index of the position occupied by Agriculture in Michigan? Is this the manner of this arrangement? In the name of the Ceres, Pomona, and Flora, we call upon all who are interested in this matter. Take hold on once.
The following are the rulings and decisions of the Executive Committee of the National Grange, as recently revised and published by the National Grange. Preserve these numbers for future reference.

CHAPTER V. JUDICIARY OF THE GRANGE.

1. The judicial power of the Grange is vested in the following tribunals:
   First—The Master.
   Second—The Executive Committee.
   Third—The Provincial Committee.
   Fourth—The Court of Appeals.
   Fifth—Grange Tribunals.

2. The Master has jurisdiction of all questions respecting the business of the order, and all convictions of members.

3. The Master is the representative of the National Grange, with the Executive Committee, has jurisdiction of the officers of the National Grange, and Presides at all sessions of the National Grange.

4. Each State Grange has jurisdiction of all questions respecting the business of the State Grange, and all convictions of members therein.

5. The Master of a Subordinate Grange, or his designated agents, and the State Grange, with the Executive Committee, has jurisdiction of the conduct of the officers of the State Grange in the interval between the sessions of the State Grange.

6. The Executive Committee of the National Grange, in conjunction with the Master, has jurisdiction of the conduct of the officers of the State Grange.

7. The Executive Committee has jurisdiction of all questions respecting the business of the State Grange, and all convictions of members therein.

8. When the laws of the National Grange are not clearly and sufficiently specific, the Executive Committee and the Master may, if they see fit, make such judicious and wise rules for the good of the order, and the benefit of the membership, as may be necessary and proper, and a vote on such action may be taken at the next session of the State Grange, and the same if it is approved of by the majority of the members present, shall be published in the issue of the National Grange.

9. The National Grange recommends that the Executive Committee of each State Grange apprise, through its proper authority, one general agent, of any action the State Grange may take, in the person of the Master of the State Grange.

10. The Executive Committee may make such rules and regulations for the admission of members, and the management of the members, as is necessary and proper, and any such rules and regulations shall be published in the issue of the National Grange, and the same if approved of by the majority of the members present, shall be published in the issue of the National Grange.

11. Each Grange is responsible for its own members and the business of the Grange, and the principles of co-operation are as well calculated for the welfare of the members as for the advancement of the Order.

12. Each Subordinate Grange has jurisdiction of the officers thereof, and the Master of the State Grange, or the Master and his agent, shall at all times be apprised of the same, and the same action or proceedings of the officers of the State Grange, in the interval between the sessions of the State Grange, shall be published in the issue of the National Grange.

13. A member of a Subordinate Grange may appeal from the decision of the Master of his Subordinate Grange, to the Provincial Committee, and the same if approved of by the majority of the members present, shall be published in the issue of the National Grange.

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SECTION III. OF TRIBES AND PENALTIES.

1. State Granges may prescribe regulations for the trial of causes within their respective jurisdictions.

2. In all cases the accused has the right to be confronted with the witnesses against him, and to cross-examine the same, and to have the attendance of witnesses to give evidence concerning the same, and to have the attendance of competent counsel of his own selection, and to have his trial by jury in all cases.

3. The National Grange recommends that the cause of the Order demand, under the direction and supervision of the proper authorities of the State Granges, be executed with the same strictness and impartiality, and be carried out in good faith, as the business arrangements made by agents and contractors with the manufacturers and merchants, for the sale of products to the members of the Order in their business transactions with any person or firm.

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Why not!

Why should not farmers represent farmers in our legislative and other representative bodies? An ex-Governor, while acting Governor, answered this question by saying that, if there had been a farmer twenty years was fit for any office; and this view is undoubtedly true.

They have an impression that any one who is contented to settle down to the toil of the farm for his livelihood is lacking in the qualifications which would fit him for any office of importance. He represents a class so apathetic to his political rights, we can not wonder at their thinking. But it is true that farmers lack, as a class, the qualifications which would fit them for legislators or any other important office. It may be that it is the isolation necessarily connected with their occupation, and the constant care their business requires, that they lack the polish, urbanity, and address which is attained only by constant contact with others, and by the sharp competition in business which attends many of the other occupations. But polish is by no means an evidence of actual worth. Mental ability is the contrary; it too often serves to conceal meanness and worthlessness. The punctuality, frugality, plain dealing and uprightness that mark the life of a farmer, and which are so important in the estimation of society, and good business capacity, are found as often among farmers as among any other class. If they lack the polish and urbanity of those in cities and towns, they have a preference for the simplicity, the spontaneity, the freedom from hypocrisies which so abound in cities. Nor is it cultivated intellect entirely wanting among farmers. There are many followers of the Plow who possess intellectual attainments of the first order. Many, a more or less professional might be proud. The industry and frugality of farmers, as a class, is well known. There are few, if any, other classes so unassuming in their own political interests, no one can better tell the story of all theings of our State Grange, and witnessed the readiness, ease, and rapidity with which the children, for their toil and their care of their farms where they had spent all their lives, handle the many important questions of management. They would do their best to solve the problems that faced them, the elegance and readiness of words used, as for the evidently honest heart and the independence which with which they disposed of them. A few years since, I became influenced by the earnest, stirring, and pointed eloquence of the speeches made at the State Grange, and was impressed by the elegance and readiness of words used, as for the evidently honest heart and the independence which with which they disposed of them. The importance of the subject was not over emphasized by the earnest, stirring, and pointed eloquence of the speeches made at the State Grange, and was impressed with the elegance and readiness of words used, as for the evidently honest heart and the independence which with which they disposed of them.

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The farmers do not have members of Congress from this State who were fully equal, if not superior to them, in all the qualifications that make good usefulness; but they need to be enabled to fill all the State of offices as ably as they are usually filled, if they are to rank among average members of the legislature.

The great difficulty with our present farmers is that they are not very well educated. Many of them, in fact, have never had a chance to learn much in school. They are not of the most successful, honest, men, or those who are educationally advanced. They are a very poor class, and ready to do any dirty, disgraceful work that promises to bring a little profit. The farmers, as their political rights, we can not wonder at their thinking. But it is true that farmers lack, as a class, the qualifications which would fit them for any office of importance. It may be that it is the isolation necessarily connected with their occupation, and the constant care their business requires, that they lack the polish, urbanity, and address which is attained only by constant contact with others, and by the sharp competition in business which attends many of the other occupations. But polish is by no means an evidence of actual worth. Mental ability is the contrary; it too often serves to conceal meanness and worthlessness. The punctuality, frugality, plain dealing and uprightness that mark the life of a farmer, and which are so important in the estimation of society, and good business capacity, are found as often among farmers as among any other class. If they lack the polish and urbanity of those in cities and towns, they have a preference for the simplicity, the spontaneity, the freedom from hypocrisies which so abound in cities. Nor is it cultivated intellect entirely wanting among farmers. There are many followers of the Plow who possess intellectual attainments of the first order. Many, a more or less professional might be proud. The industry and frugality of farmers, as a class, is well known. There are few, if any, other classes so unassuming in their own political interests, no one can better tell the story of all theings of our State Grange, and witnessed the readiness, ease, and rapidity with which the children, for their toil and their care of their farms where they had spent all their lives, handle the many important questions of management. They would do their best to solve the problems that faced them, the elegance and readiness of words used, as for the evidently honest heart and the independence which with which they disposed of them. The importance of the subject was not over emphasized by the earnest, stirring, and pointed eloquence of the speeches made at the State Grange, and was impressed with the elegance and readiness of words used, as for the evidently honest heart and the independence which with which they disposed of them.

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The accumulated funds, if there is any.

that all Subordinate Granges could

been learned that all have rights, and those

the Charitable and Corrective...no

of the loom sometimes vary a little.

But the stripes will match the best if the

As it was not possible to get all the

When the rags are color for some of the rags and warp.

clean white rags can be colored yellow,

the carpet is well beaten up. If a stri-

and I think good Grangers and farm-

And I think justice was

the diuing-hall, where the ladies had

house, as directed, I found it a very

Worthy Secretary Cobb:—

under that part lying back a few miles

If a smooth-pitch carpet is desired, the

This will use up all short rags of any

and others, who would like to organ-

sufficient to weave in at the end

ladies were very busy preparing the

pleasing place to stay, with good ac-

the best. The ladies were very busy

As the season for rag-carpet making

For carpet is always a little better

This carpet is looked on as almost

the same, being a little longer than the

in the Flint and Pere Mar-

to the homes of making to them to the

experience, besides making a better

that are to be used ought to be washed

that to color in bundles that all are to

the carpet will be sufficient to weave

The carpet was beautifully trimmed in honor of Washington's birth, and also decorated with Grange mottoes and emblems.

A carpet always looks much better if

comely house for the Grange to meet

met with an intelligent and at-

After dinner we repaired to the

A carpet always looks much better if

the road from Traverse City, a dis-

A carpet always looks much better if

and I think good Grangers and farm-

We have extended the hand of fellow-

ike Grangers there, and some Grangers

and one, a large carpet is wanted, tear each color

that to err is human, to forgive, divine.

"to err is human, to forgive, divine."

In childhood, a few kind words

those who think he was born never to do right;

the country is approaching, a few

the forests, inhabited the prairies, cul-

The eyes of the civilized world are now scrutiniz-

As the season for rag-carpet making

the P. of II. are doing

Notwithstanding the very bad condi-

the principles advocated by the

Noble Grange, No. 016, to lecture on

the woods are springing, the grass is

We are a making a page in the history of the brothers and sisters in the

some stripes contained all the brightest

the color for some of the rags and warp.

The carpet is bad, and it is not

As the season for rag-carpet making

the carpet is well beaten up. If a stri-

While we were in Leroy, I had written

so small a place at the new school-house, and hope they will remain.

The audience on the list of

we had extended the hand of fellow-

the principles advocated by the

we have extended the hand of fellow-

A carpet always looks much better if

we had extended the hand of fellow-

The carpet is always a little better

After dinner we repaired to the

vein makes a very pretty carpet, which may be woven even to suit any
desirous size, to suit any
desirous size,

The eyes of the civilized world are now scrutiniz-

As the season for rag-carpet making

By stage for Traverse City, a dis-

The carpet is always a little better

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of the Order and will not furnish.

State will it not advance the interests of the students who have attended here never class education in the country, tend this time of the year. Several of the above, farmers have one horse at least their teams, with lofts for hay, etc., and also provided good stables, so that the Dy having two terms commencing as nnd all the conveniences necessary for more advanced scholars of farmers can purposes as any in the State. We have-Monday in January last.

fall term commenced the first Monday in April, a spring term of two months, ten or fifteen-terms in this immediate and competent teacher, and has taught the students, who rendered the two dramas, however, was conducted in a satisfac-

thoroughly, is to use it as a nuisance and conviction, and I do not hesitate to

mertime. There were nearly one hundred present. Such a happy time within the hall was an impriate counterpart to the threatening temperance movement. Besides the usual business and sociability of such meetings, there was on this evening the conferring of the concluding degrees upon three candidates, and a much enjoyed feast of delicacies and good things that Granger ladies know so well how to prepare. The things seemed enough on the programme for one evening; but the members of the Grange had arranged another interesting evening. Our Worthy Master, Daniel Shurtz, has presided over our Grange so long as having been the first or only Master of our Grange thus far in its history, and having discharged his duties so faithfully and successfully that the members concluded he had worn the old sash and pouch long enough. Accordingly, as the Grange was about to go into convi-}

of the Master's table, and, unfolding a suspi-

port it away. Pi is astonishing that for, is to use it as a nuisance and conviction, and I do not hesitate to

it for the hands of middle-men. AGRICULTURE.

our hands together to that end, leaving me only the possibility of the useful and cattle, and I can also see a space twice set on fire by the use of a to-

I Trite, I can see a barn that has been made public.

worthless wreck. While living, the

and ruin our young men? From town to town with no saloons near, or anything attempt, by supporting those who have deepened their pockets in the hands of middle-men.

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always disclose all they know. But

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