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BEST STREET TREES

THE RELATIVE VALUE OF SPECIES FOR BEAUTIFYING TOWNS.

Those That Grow Rapidly Are Not Enduring—Oak Trees Said to Be Among the Best For Streets Owing to Their Freedom From Disease.

Where there is a long, solid block of houses newly erected cooling shade is generally desired quickly because the building operator looks only for immediate results. What may occur fifteen or twenty years hence is of little concern to him, says the Philadelphia Ledger. A rapidly growing tree and one easy to manage is what he requires. To this end the ordinary Carolina poplar or the silver maple meets the requirements exactly. But the owner of a property who expects to use it as a permanent home would not be justified in selecting either of these trees, because in a few years they become too large, and the tree butcher, with a saw and ax, is likely to be called in, and he is only the precursor of the final decay of the trunk and branches within a short time.

The genuine tree lover wants something more satisfactory and enduring. He is willing to have the shade come more gradually providing he can have a beautiful tree at the same time. This is where the difficulty of selection comes in, for, while the rapidly growing species cited thrive in almost any soil or situation, the rarer trees are apt to have likes and dislikes in this particular. Further, some which do well have not been well tested and others which will thrive have peculiarities which detract somewhat from their value. For instance, the ginkgo, or maidenhair tree, has a remarkable power of nourishing in spite of noxious gases prevalent in cities and which are so detrimental to Norway and sugar maples, but it has most too much of an erect habit for shade giving purposes.

Nurserymen of experience declare that in a combination of good features—that is to say, comparatively rapid growth, an umbrageous head and freedom from disease and the attacks of insects—the various species of oak promise to be among the best selections for city streets. Like the ginkgo, the oaks do not seem to suffer so much from gases, and this is particularly true of the pin oak.

Of other trees of comparatively rapid growth the white ash is showing a similar adaptation. Unlike the Carolina poplar and the silver maple, it grows in beauty from year to year instead of becoming a painful object to the eye. The catalpa has been much praised of late, but, aside from its winter disfigurement on account of its dry bean pods, a worm has recently shown a particular fondness for the leaves, and thus it can hardly be considered further.

With many, a successful tree is the horse chestnut. It is sometimes regarded as of slow growth, but this depends in a great measure on the character of the soil in which it is planted. In rich earth, if of considerable depth to accommodate the taproot, the tree will often make an annual growth of from eighteen to twenty inches, which is not far behind trees classed as rapid growing. The horse chestnut never requires bending and has a natural tendency to spread without becoming too tall. The chief objection to the tree is that its leaves mature as early as the first week in September; on the other hand, it is among the first to welcome the coming spring with its unfolding leaves. There is another class sometimes named as desirable, but which is apt to become too large and unwieldy before many years have passed—the European plane is one and the white and yellow American elms are others. The first named sometimes reaches such mammoth proportions that one of them is said to have sheltered a large detachment of Alexander the Great's army. The elm is susceptible of injury from the elm leaf beetle, but where the English sparrow flourishes there is no danger to be apprehended from this source; but lately a destructive parasite which destroys entire branches in a single night has fastened on the elm.

Don't Like Noise in Berlin.

The police of Berlin are trying to make a quiet city, says a correspondent of the Chicago Record-Herald. Railway engines are not allowed to blow whistles or ring bells within the city limits. Manufacturing establishments are prohibited from using whistles to call their employees. Newsboys are not allowed to cry their papers on the streets. In fact, they are practically unknown. You can always find old women or men with collections of dally, weekly and illustrated papers at certain conspicuous locations, but they must remain there. They are not allowed to chase up customers on the street. You see many hucksters peddling fruit and vegetables, but they do it silently. It is prohibited to play the piano before 8 o'clock in the morning and after 10 o'clock at night where it is likely to disturb neighbors.

Good Hotel a Town Boomer.

A drummer for a New York house who has been on the road for twenty years gives it as his opinion that a good hotel in a small town has more to do with booming the place than any other one influence. The town may be ever so lively, but a poorly conducted hotel makes a bad impression on strangers. During the boom days in the south the citizens of a town looked to their hotels before anything else.

Street Adornment.

In many places shrubs and vines may be placed in courtyards; bare walls may be covered with creeping vines, flowers and foliage; plants in boxes and pots may be set on piazzas, stoops and window sills.

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