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## EXPERTS' ADVICE IS:

## PLANT IN THE FALL!

by Charles Fiore

When is the best time to plant—in spring or fall? Expert advice on this oft-asked question can be summed up in a single statement—plant in fall those plants which take kindly to fall planting.

The planting seasons are all too few anyway. We must make the best of the two which we have, planting all that can be planted in fall. In the

first place, there are more months in which to work in fall, than in spring. Generally speaking, the weather is usually more favorable for out-door work in fall, and the ground is more workable than in early spring.

Trees and shrubs send out their buds very early in spring, often before suitable planting conditions have arrived. To move them in spring means that this early growth is checked and the progress of the plant is delayed another season; whereas, if they are set out in fall the plants are dormant and can be safely moved and handled. The fall rains settle the soil around their roots and the plants become firmly established in the ground. At the first call of spring they are ready to start out with the other plants to make your outdoor living room an interesting, beautiful spot.

For all planting the signal is: "Go Ahead!" — Now! November is the month when the signals begin to change. The brilliant coloring of the foliage of trees and shrubs is a warning that the fall planting days will soon be over, and those who have not gone ahead will have to wait until another year, or, caught by cold weather, leave things half done.

By planting this fall you get all the fuss and muss over with now—then when spring comes you can look forward to complete enjoyment of beau-

tiful grounds from the very first days of spring throughout the entire year. Heed the advice of experts—Plant this tree.

## WINTER PROTECTION

## FOR BULBS AND PLANTS

The same is true of plants as with animal life, in regard to freezing. It is not so much how hard a plant is frozen, but how quickly it is thawed, that the damage is done. In order to protect from frequent thaws any kind of a mulch to protect the ground from sun and wind, is a desirable material to use.

Where the ground or roots of plants are all that need protection, German peat makes a wonderful mulch, as it is fine, easily handled, and may be allowed to act as a mulch to retain moisture during the following season. A light straw moisture covering or prairie hay that has no weed seeds, come next best in line.

All plants are benefited with a mulch during the winter months. This does not necessarily mean that the life of a plant is the only thing in question, where a mulch is to be used, but it is how much good the plants actually gain by having been protected from frequent freezing and thawing is what really counts. Therefore the entire perennial border should be mulched every year, regardless of how hardy the plants may be.

## Fern Talk

by J. R. Foote

Ferns for the woods corners, the timber acres, the water gardens, the rockeries and for the foundation plantings, in any of these places ferns are delightful and so representative of nature's wild free plantings.

Ferns like most all sorts of plants, do have some preferences as to shade, moisture, soil and drainage. Ferns

like these things but only one thing is demanded by most sorts and that is a light soil with plenty of some material which corresponds to leaf mold. Rotted wood is fine, peat moss is good, Skokie soil will do.

The spleenworts and Christmas ferns love the damp rocky hillsides and so feel quite at home in most rock gardens.

The brackens, shield ferns, ostrich plumes and royals thrive in the swampy timber, but also go well on the uplands where there is moisture and shade.

The common timber ferns and shield ferns will do well without shade provided they have other good advantages.

The maiden hair natives need good protection from the winds, more so than other sorts and they usually choose the gentle slopes, often near the overflow of the streams.

There are a few native sorts which are not much used but which are interesting, the stags, the interrupted ferns, fiddle-heads, walking ferns and lady ferns.

In the rock beds and even more pretentious rockeries and alpine gardens, a fern here and there or little groups planted not too compact, help mightily to relieve the sameness or too level appearance of these delightful gardens during the drab months of late summer. These are drab months for the rock gardens in many cases, although it need not be nearly so much so. Ferns and the available summer blooming rock plants will keep up the interest of these wild gardens during the summer.

In the timbers, by studying the sorts of places where the ferns are grouped, you can learn several things as to their preferences. It would seem that they thrive best where there is some protection from or by other wild growth, not too heavy or too tall, but just enough to break the winds,

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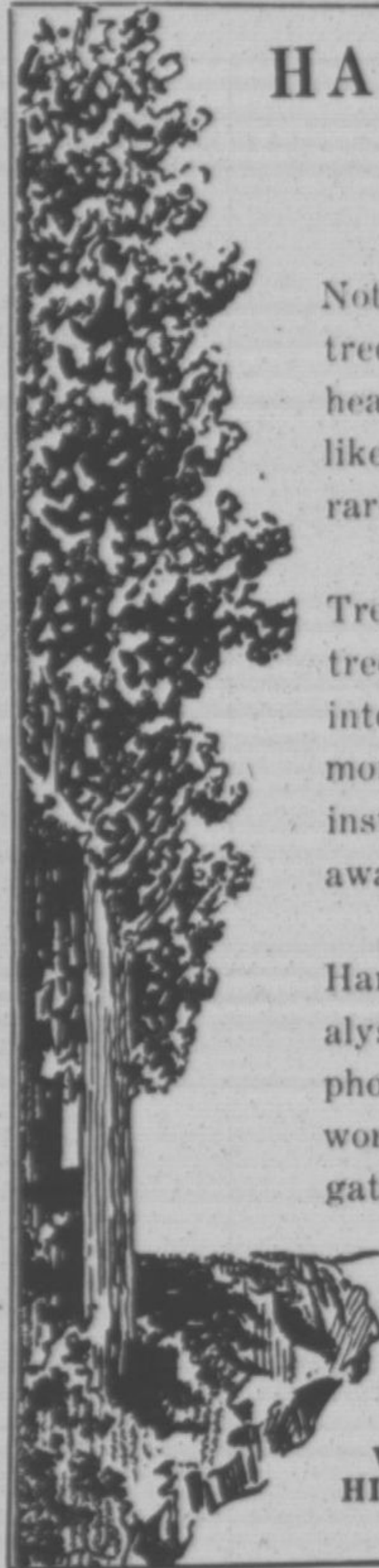
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