Spring Planting Of Evergreens

spring is a favorable season for trans-They can be moved withlittle setback up to the time when new shoots are starting, and even later by experienced planters, though it is sometimes necessary to pinch off part of the new shoots which otherwise might wilt.

After being moved in the spring, an evergreen has a long period of favorable weather in which to become established. The hazards of the midsummer heat and drouth may be as great as those of a winter season, but it is easier for the garden owner to overcome them. The most common cause of loss in evergreens is dryness; and newly planted specimens should be watched during dry periods. The Plant Trees For roots of any newly planted tree or shrub penetrate a relatively small section of soil, which may easily become dry. Until the plant has had time to develop new and longer roots, capable of foraging for food and mois-

ball of earth about the roots, and this shade will be enjoyed earth should be kept well moistened | Spring is a good time for tree plantter. If it is not convenient to water Of course care must be taken in pre-

upon to survive; while in others there for shade.



Shade and Beauty

Trees are planted in the home ture to a considerable distance, it grounds for two reasons, shade and needs special attention, and sometimes beauty. The latter is the more imfrequent watering. This applies to portant. A tree should always add deciduous plants as well as evergreens, beauty to its surroundings; and, if Evergreens should be dug with a possible, it should be placed where its

throughout shipping and planting and ing. Many, such as birch, cherry, after planting. The shorter the time Lombardy poplars, oaks and others, birch, Wisconsin weeping willow and between digging and planting the bet- transplant better now than in the fall. frequently after planting, a mulch of paring the soil, and setting the tree hay or straw will retard drying out in the ground. But equally vital is and lessen the amount of water re- that it be set in the right place to do its full duty.

The performance of an evergreen in If you know just what a tree is to a given location depends upon the do, it is easy to select the variety you variety Too often varieties are pur- need, and the location for it. Perchased because the buyer admires haps it is intended to frame the view their appearance without careful in- of the house. Then it should grow to thing. Many amateur gardeners give quiry being made as to their hardi- the proper height, when mature, so little thought to the way they handle ness in the locality where they are that it is in scale with the house, and pruning shears. to be planted. This is a question to harmonize with the architecture. upon which expert knowledge should There will usually be several locabe sought. In some sections only the tions permissible and one may be hardiest varieties can be counted chosen which will be most satisfactory the handle of the cutting side. This

is a much wider choice, owing to more A garden seat or terrace will be favorable soil and climatic conditions. more pleasant if it is shaded by a tree In the East and South the beautiful in the afternoon. Or a porch, or winbroad-leaf evergreens, such as rhodo- dow may be made more inviting by dendrons and azaleas, are available, this protection from the summer sun. which seldom succed in the North- A little investigation at the right time Central states. But everywhere one on a sunny day will help you detercan have beautiful and permanent mine just where a tree should be evergreen plantings, if he chooses planted to cast the desired shade; the varieties that are happy in his lo- having in mind, always, the shape and height of the tree.

Trees have divers beauties, and different varieties may be combined to secure year-around interest and beau-

The hardiness of the variety in your locality is important. It never pays to plant kinds that are likely to be killed, or usually fail to thrive. Varieties less rare, but happier in their surroundings will be more satisfactory.

Good subjects for street or avenue planting are elms, ash and lindens. Weeping trees, to be planted sparingly, where their conspicuously interesting shapes seem permissible, are the weeping mulberry, cut-leaved weeping Niobe weeping willow.

The Use Of **Pruning Shears**

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Always work with the cutting blade lowermost, so that you pull it upward, though the pressure is downward on allaws you to cut smoothly and close to the stem from which the pruned shoot is removed. It insures against possible stripping of bark resulting from a downward cut.

Watch the "set" of the blade. Don't let it get sprung Never use shears that are dull.

Keep them sharp as you work.

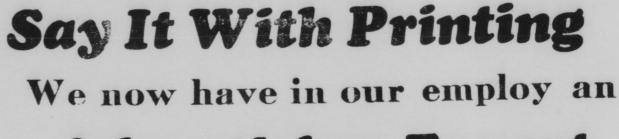
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first prize winner in the 1932 Nation- ly adopted as her own. Altho the purchase of adjoining property which al Yard and Garden Contest but also Sparey place at Broadmoor is beau-will be made into a playground with the playground of a rosy cheeked lit- tifully planted and a wonderful en- slides, swings a wading pool and othtle cherub who Mrs. H. I. Sparey of vironment for a growing child, the er features.

This beautiful yard is not only a Broadmoor, Colorado Springs, recent-baby's arrival was followed by the

How To Develop The Home Plot

The modern idea about home grounds is that every square foot should serve a purpose. Land is expendive, and the time has passed when a home owner was content to which his house stood. Today, if he every part of it to perform a definite function, useful or ornamental.

This idea has resulted in a transformation of the back yard. Formerly it was the most neglected part of the

when wearing their old clothes.

But this has now been changed; and he back yard in the modern home ome, the outdoor living room.

Many modern houses are designed is up-togdate, he considers his home to living room; and this is highly desirble if it can be arranged. It is often ssble to adjust an old house to give this desirable connection; and always with some thought, an easy and inviting access to the back yard can be

The private garden in the rear of- flower, for I love them all. home grounds. A view of even a fine fers more opportunity for individual residence section from the alley was expression than the front yard, where nuals. far from edifying. Land of great planting must be for the public. A I have a number of flowering value, and capable of use which certain restraint is called for in front, shrubs, but my Snowball bush is the would justify its value, was usually and harmony with neighboring plant- most beautiful of them all.

and miscellaneous storage. Houses But in the private garden one should turned their backs to all this, and express his own idea of outdoor beauas only went into the back yard ty. There should be planting to give privacy and screen out unsightly views. This may be arranged so that passersby on the street can get a glimpse of the beauty within without spot, the most inviting part of the privacy being destroyed. Comfortable chairs and a table, will give the yard the look of an abiding place. Bird use only that portion of his lot upon so that the living apartments communicate directly with the outdoor to entertain us And flowers will help make the outdoor living room the

> It is hard to decide upon a favorite I like the pansy best of all the an-

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