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Perfectly Formed Apple Tree—Sutton

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## PREFACE

During the past ten or fifteen years great progress has been made in the cultivation and care of our hardy fruits and especially in the varieties grown, the methods of packing, shipping and marketing, and during this time few books have been written which have kept up with this progress. This progress and the knowledge of insect and fungous pests and their destruction has been largely recorded in scientific books and papers from the numerous experiment stations, with little from the practical and practicing fruit growers, and there is a growing need of a condensed work giving, in plain language, a summary of the scientific progress made, together with the practice of the most successful fruit growers in various sections of the country. Especially is this information needed that those just starting out in the business of fruit growing, or the village home owner who wishes to grow a small quantity of fruit for family consumption, may find in a condensed form the information necessary for success. It is, therefore, the aim of the author to make a book that is up to date in every particular and to cover the entire practice of fruit growing from the starting of the seed or cutting to the marketing of the fruit, though in many cases works devoted to special fruits may be more complete. It is written from the standpoint of the practical fruit grower who is striving to make his business profitable by *growing the best fruit possible and at the least cost.*

No attempt is made to describe a large number of varieties, nor many of the numerous methods of training, pruning, cultivating, etc., but to give in plain,



practical language descriptions of such varieties as are most in demand in our markets, and the methods practiced by the most successful cultivators of many sections of the country; to deal with principles first and with the practice afterward, for the practice to be successful must be based upon correct principles, while the practice will always be varied by the progressive fruit grower according to his immediate conditions and environment. The foundation principles of plant growth and nourishment, however, must always remain the same.

No one can foresee what results the changing conditions from year to year of our own country or of those of other countries of the world may bring about in our methods of fruit growing, and the progressive fruit grower must be ready to adapt himself to these conditions or be left behind in the march of competition. The Northern States cannot expect to compete successfully with the more southern of our own States in growing our native fruits out of season, but each section can produce them to such a degree of perfection and put them into the hands of the consumer in such a fresh and attractive condition that there need be little desire on the part of dealers or consumers in any community to send beyond their own limits for their supply of fresh fruit in its season.

We should also make an effort to supply any demand that may come from less favored countries, and, properly managed, this demand for our native fruits should assume very large proportions, but the main effort of the fruit growers, for whom this book is written, should be to supply their own sections with fruit in such an abundance and perfection and at such prices that the inferior products of other sections and other countries cannot secure our markets against the home supply.

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