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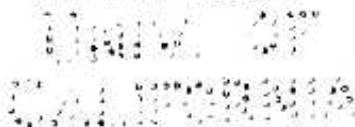
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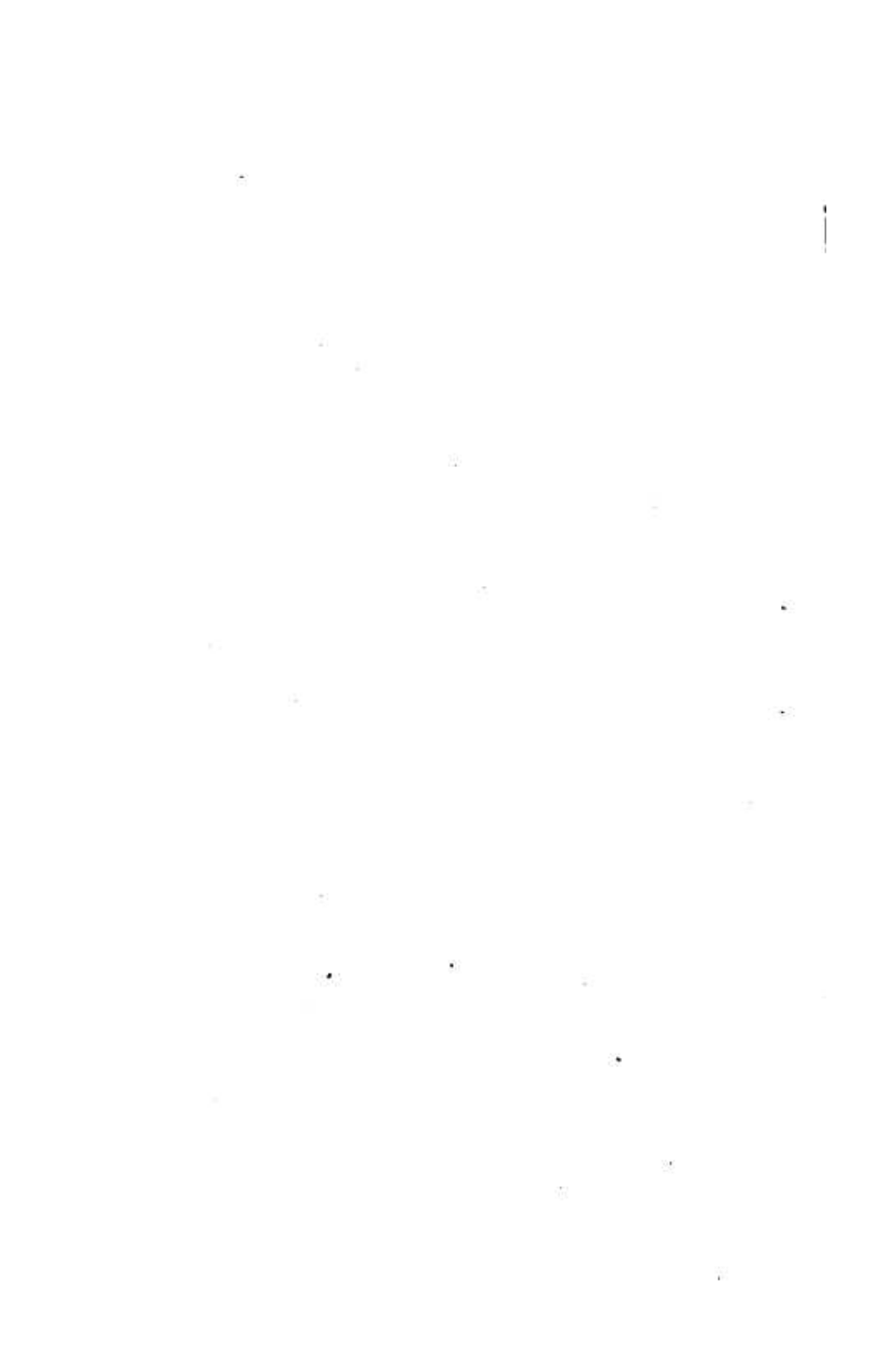
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PREFACE.

THIS volume, which is a reprint of the first part of the author's larger work on "Fruit Culture," has been issued mainly with a view to meeting the requirements of the numerous agricultural classes which the County Councils are organizing throughout the country. The author's aim has been to give such clear and practical instruction as may help to popularize the subject of which it treats, which has been too long neglected in this country.



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FRUIT CULTURE.

CHAPTER I.

GENERAL PROSPECTS OF CULTURE FOR PROFIT.

As we have been passing through a time of agricultural depression, when wheat-growing has ceased to be the profitable occupation that it once was, and as there is no prospect of a return to the old prices, it behoves all cultivators of land to consider what other means may be adopted in the way of producing other crops that will be likely to yield a more satisfactory return.

One of the directions in which cultivators may turn to realize this is that of fruit culture.

We are at the present time, as a nation, consuming enormous quantities of fruit, the supply of which comes very largely from abroad, and of kinds that could be grown at home. Here, then, is a large standing order for a commodity that might be produced by our own cultivators, our own land, and our own labour, but which we are quietly allowing the foreigner to supply.

Farmers, as a rule, are not in a hurry to turn from the beaten track and to try experiments in new directions; and frequently the chances and opportunities in this respect are against them.

Want of full knowledge of the subject, the need of