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AND CLASSIFIED LISTS OF SUCH AS ARE BEST ADAPTED FOR PARTICULAR
SOILS AND SITUATIONS.

TO WHICH IS ADDED,

INSTRUCTIONS ON THE CULTIVATION OF AMERICAN PLANTS, AND
ON THE RHODODENDRONS OF SIKKIM-HIMALAYA.

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PREFACE.



THE want of a little manual, which should contain good practical instructions on planting, and at the same time serve as a guide in making a proper selection of plants for different soils and situations, has been long felt. When and how to plant? and what kinds of trees and shrubs are most suitable for this or that situation? are questions, which in some form or other, are often addressed to us; and the enquiries refer more particularly to evergreens—especially to Coniferæ.

The increasing frequency of such enquiries, and our being unable to give really useful replies to each applicant in the compass of a mere letter, have induced us to publish this little book, which it is hoped will, in some degree at least, fulfil the object intended.

With the exception of a few deciduous Conifers, all the plants described are evergreen. We have confined our observations to them, principally because they

include our more conspicuous hardy trees and shrubs, and also because there is at the present time a preponderance in their favour for ornamental planting. We originally intended to have noticed the principal deciduous kinds in addition; but we found that, with even a comparatively limited selection, so numerous are they, the size of our book would be increased much beyond what we intended, and its price of course added to materially.

In speaking of the hardiness of the plants described, we have endeavoured to be as correct as possible. With that view, we applied during the past year to many persons in all parts of the country who were likely to be able to afford us assistance, by sending to each a prepared return paper, in which might be arranged in a tabular form the information we required. By that means we accumulated a mass of valuable evidence. And we had also previously made many useful notes during our journeyings in various parts of the kingdom.

Of the matter and its arrangement, a few introductory words may be thought necessary. First, there is a practical treatise on planting generally, in which reference is made to various kinds of soil and situation, and to the most suitable seasons for removing both deciduous and evergreen trees. Following this are some detailed instructions, which, while they are intended to refer principally to Coniferæ, will of

course equally apply to other choice ornamental trees. In this part of the book is a complete list of hardy Coniferæ. A short popular description of each is given, showing its habit, general form, and use as an ornamental plant. The principal synonyms of each are also given.

Then there are treatises on the cultivation of American plants, and on the newly-introduced Sikkim Rhododendrons. The remainder consists of descriptions of the principal hardy evergreen trees and shrubs, with remarks on the situation best adapted for each, and the soil and treatment it requires; with copious classified lists of the kinds best adapted for particular soils and situations. We believe the latter will form a useful guide to persons about to plant.

It now only remains for us to offer our sincere thanks to the numerous gentlemen who so kindly and promptly assisted us by filling up our return papers. We feel that particular reference to each will not be thought necessary; and we hope that our acknowledgments thus collectively expressed will not be considered as indicating in us a less appreciation of their individual assistance.

* * * As we are anxious to collect every possible information in reference to Hardy Ornamental Shrubs and Trees, we venture to solicit communications in

connection therewith. Any information of the local hardiness of species not generally known as such, with notices on the nature of the soil and situation, or of any peculiarity in their treatment, will be especially valuable. In short, any fact will be welcome. And we should be glad to furnish (free of postage, and stamped to return) one of our papers to any one who will oblige us by filling it up and returning it.

BAGSHOT, *May*, 1862.

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We may state here, that Mr. GEORGE LOVELL, who has rendered us valuable assistance in preparing this work, may be consulted on the subjects of which it treats, as well as on every thing connected with LANDSCAPE AND ORNAMENTAL GARDENING.