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## DIRECTIONS

FOR

### TRANSPLANTING LARGE TREES, ETC.

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#### PART I.

##### TRANSPLANTING SMALL BALLS.

HAVING had the good fortune to be appointed to a situation where, among other necessary alterations, a good many large old trees and shrubs required to be either transplanted, cut down, or left where their value was nothing compared with what it would become if successfully transplanted to places where they were required, I naturally felt the responsibility of my position, and this feeling was deepened by the fact that the noble lord under whom I have the honour to serve is a great lover of trees. I accordingly set about the business with great care, and, like every "canny Scot," I endeavoured, as clearly as possible, to see the end from the beginning. I have been largely assisted in all my operations by the means, generosity, suggestions, and good sense of my noble employer, who himself has been a successful planter.

I am the more encouraged to record the results of my operations from the fact that several gentlemen have expressed to me their desire to know my system. The plants that have been successfully transplanted here, in the manner described—on the *small*, the *large*, and the *very large* ball system—now number over 200, besides hedges. Of all that number, there has not been *one total* failure, while the number of those that have not grown as well as they did formerly (many having grown much better) is only *three*, or at the most *four*, and they were of very little value. The want of success in those few instances can in no way be attributed to the defects of the system, but can quite easily be traced to other causes. Neither is it due to the *time of year* in which they were transplanted, for we have transplanted successfully plants of the same species in almost every month of the year.

The following measurements of a few of the plants we have transplanted with complete success will show what may be done on this system.

*The Small Ball.*

Variiegated Holly, 11 feet high and 8 feet through the branches.

• Cedrus deodara, 12 feet high and 9 feet through the branches.

*The Large Ball.*

Sycamore, 25 feet high, 2 feet 3 inches in circumference 3 feet from the ground.