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CULTURE OF FRUIT, ADAPTED TO THE  
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TO  
GEORGE C. THORBURN, Esq.  
OF NEW YORK,  
YR  
PRACTICAL AND SCIENTIFIC HORTICULTURIST,  
THIS LITTLE BOOK  
IS  
RESPECTFULLY DEDICATED  
BY  
HIS OBLIGED FRIEND,  
THE AUTHOR.



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## INTRODUCTION.

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IN presenting the "Fruit Garden Companion" to the public, the writer begs leave to state, that the principal object and design of the work has been to condense in the most convenient form, as a manual, practical remarks on the culture and management of the different kinds of fruit adapted to the Middle and Northern States, for the fruit garden and orchard.

At the commencement of the work several pages have been appropriated to the phytology of plants, in order to familiarize the young cultivator with some of the leading characteristics of trees, as, the bud, flower, leaf, root, &c. In the description of this part of the culture of fruit trees, my object has been to use such terms as are the most simple and generally understood; and hence many classical terms have been rendered into English, with a view to make horticulture familiar and easy, so far as or-



dinary and unobscure diction will favor that end. In most cases, where the classical name has seemed to be necessary, it has been inserted in italics. The professional botanist and naturalist will, I hope, make every allowance for a work that has no other aim than to render the culture of fruit easily accessible to the inquiring observer.

In the Nursery department, which naturally follows the phytology of trees, I have given practical directions on the propagation of fruit trees from seed, and the many methods of grafting, budding, and bringing a fruit tree into the proper size and state for the final planting into the fruit garden and orchard. In this part of the treatise, it will be seen that I have rigidly adhered to a system of raising fruit trees from seed, in preference to that too often adopted of growing young trees from suckers, which are ever the offspring of a multitude of young plants that rob the parent and impoverish the soil.

In the different modes of culture of fruit, I have described those methods, which appeared the most simple and readily to be accomplished, and such as will most surely lead to a satisfactory result. To pretend to elucidate every nice point belonging to the

culture of fruit, in the present enlightened age of horticulture, would be undertaking a task which I must acknowledge I am utterly incapable to accomplish. But, so far as this manual has any pretensions to the culture of fruit, I have given the results of *practice*, in a manner and with a view to assist the inexperienced cultivator : and any errors that might have occurred in penning the articles, or any theory that may appear improper to the scientific horticulturist or pomologist, I shall at all times be happy to correct.

It would be superfluous for me in this place to enumerate the reasons, why and wherefore, for inserting the different articles in this little manual. They have all been inserted for one end, namely, to be useful to the young beginner in the culture of fruit. The different subjects treated on can be more readily comprehended by reference to the table of contents, than by a long explanation in an introduction. With these remarks I send forth my little manual to the public, with a hope, that it may in a measure prove to be, as its author intended, of some utility to the young cultivator of fruit.

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