

## Book Reviews

*Landscape Gardening as Applied to Home Decoration.* BY SAMUEL T. MAYNARD. (338 pages; 165 illus., John Wiley & Sons, New York. 1915. 2nd ed. Price \$1.50)

The second edition of this book "revised and brought up to date" follows much the same plan as the first edition with considerable addition of subject matter and illustrations. In its first edition this book set a new standard for landscape gardening as applied to home decoration and has long occupied a place almost by itself, as a manual of planting instructions for the use of decorative plant material by nurserymen and owners of home grounds, replacing such books as *Practical Landscape Gardening* by G. M. Kern (1855), and *Ornamental Gardens for Americans* by Elias A. Long (1885).

In addition to the several chapters on selection, arrangement and care of plant material for home grounds, the author discusses briefly such phases of landscape gardening as parks, public squares, school yards, farm places, roads and road-side planting. The material presented in the book as a whole is carefully selected and gives to the home owner many helpful suggestions not only in the use of plant material but in fostering a certain outside interest in landscape problems that is sure to be of much value to him by increasing his interest in both town and country beautification as a whole. The many illustrations of plant material and suggested arrangements serve their purpose well but the material is hardly an aid in identification and often presupposes a knowledge of the plants. Emphasis throughout the book is placed on "decorative" plant material rather than material of special value for mass and group value. If the many excellent lists of plants as to their use and horticultural values had been grouped together they would have been more useful as a ready reference.

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*Manual of Fruit Diseases.* BY L. R. HESLER AND H. H. WHETZEL (462 pp. The Macmillan Co. 1917. Price—\$2.00)

In this book the authors aim to present all the known facts concerning the common diseases of fruits. While it is prepared primarily for the fruit grower, it may also be used as a reference book by all interested in

plant diseases. The importance of a knowledge of the cause of the disease at hand is emphasized. Then, too, its history, where it originated, with what rapidity the disease organism spreads, the losses of which it is capable, and under what conditions the most destructive outbreaks occur are claimed to be of vital interest to the progressive fruit grower. The attempt is made, with a gratifying degree of success, to compile such information relating to fruit diseases. In addition valuable control measures are suggested in the treatment of each disease. The grouping plan is followed in arranging the contents of the book with the diseases of the various fruits treated alphabetically by host from apple to strawberry, including the common tree and small fruits. None of the diseases common to members of the citrus group, such as oranges and lemons, however, are included, though the title does not indicate the omission. The attempt has been made to discuss the various diseases under each host in the order of their importance, though obviously there are difficulties in the execution of such a plan. The illustrations used serve in some cases to make for a clearer understanding of the written description, while in others they appear to be of doubtful value. The concluding chapter is devoted to a general discussion of fungicides, with directions for their preparation and application, including a comparison of the use of liquid and dust in disease control. While such a chapter is strictly up-to-date at the time of writing, new experimental evidence coming to hand from day to day often overturns common present practices. This is a field well covered by experiment station bulletins, whose results and consequent recommendations apply especially to the state where publication is made. One of the most valuable features of the book is the comprehensive reference list appended to the discussion of each disease, as well as to the chapter on fungicides. A list of reference books and journals dealing more or less with fruit diseases is included in the appendix. In an attempt to make clear the meaning of certain technical terms not common to the farmers' vocabulary, but the use of which, according to the authors, is necessary to a proper understanding of the disease and its control, an excellent glossary is appended. Viewed as a whole, it is believed that the *Manual* will be found extremely useful as a convenient and trustworthy source of information on diseases to the horticulturists.—A. S. COLBY.

*How to Lay Out Suburban Home Grounds.* BY HERBERT J. KELLAWAY.  
(134 pp. John Wiley & Sons, second edition, enlarged.) Price \$2.00.

This is the revised and enlarged edition of a book first issued some time ago, the demand for which has warranted the publishers in increasing



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