

HORTICULTURE

Location for Fruit Raising.
In the raising of any kind of fruit the location cuts a large figure. It has been found that high land is best for all kinds of fruit. The cold air runs off the tops of the hills and down into the valleys, just as water does. The old impression that valleys were warm is not well founded. They are warm on a hot day because the air is stagnant and the cool air from the open country does not so readily fan the cheek. But the winter time is chiefly the time when we want a temperature that is mild. Things planted in the valleys are subjected to greater cold than are things on the hill tops. This, too, is contrary to the old impression. Not till man had long observed the effects of such plantings did he come to the conclusion that he had been mistaken in his first conclusions. But he found that the corn was first frost in the hollows and that his fruit trees were injured in the valleys, while they were free from injury on the hill tops. This led him to make more accurate observations by the help of the thermometer. In the spring time also the fruits on the low lands are liable to be injured by frosts for the reasons named. The land to select is the high land, as this gets more sun and less cold than any other, though the winter may have a clean sweep over it. When the land is a dead level it is of course of a uniform temperature. It is better than the valley and not so good as the hill, but makes a good average. A man with a level farm need not hesitate to put in any kind of fruit that will grow, provided the general contour of the country is level. Of course if the level farm is in a valley surrounded by hills the objection that applies to the narrow valley on a single farm holds good, in the main. The man that wants to raise fruit should have the advantage of hills on one side and if he has both southern and northern slopes so much the better. The fruit on the southern slope will be early and that on the northern slope will be late, on account of the varying amounts of sunshine that are available. The ripening of fruit is largely a matter of sunshine.
There are parts of the country where the valleys are preferable to the hills for fruit growing, namely those sections of the South where the amount of heat is too great for the best results. Then by choosing valley locations the moisture and the cool temperature may be obtained.

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