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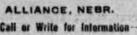
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IV .- Errors In Transplanting Trees.

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MERICA was "the land of for ests," but mountain, dale, bill and plain are now about denuded of her trees, thereby destroying both wealth and glory. I was recent ly called to Phillipsburg, Pa., to give a lecture on "The Salvation of Our Trees," and in going from Tyrone to Phillipsburg it nearly made the hear of the Allegheny mountains were en tirely stripped of trees, and even the young growth, six inches in diameter. had been cut away to be used as "min ing props." The coal mines are near ly exhausted, and many people told me they would not live on the lands just for paying the taxes, for they would hills forty years ago were growing the most magnificent specimens of pines hemlock and other conifers. It is with sadness that the people have seen the pristine forests fade away.

There is an instinctive love of th tree in man, and as he looks upon the Dishes and other goods. barren bleakness of treeless expanse he sighs for something to relieve the dreary, monotonous bareness of the means to be without shade in the heat of summer and no trees to break the fury of the blasts in winter; hence he readily saw that there should be shade trees by the highway, clumps or groves around the home, as well as the fruit trees in the orchard and garden. He



WEAKENED AND LEFT A PREY TO

goes to the woodlot and hunts for the young maple or elms and, having found them, proceeds to plant. One of the commonest mistakes he makes is to plant too close together, but the one mistake above all others is-well, "Whack!" off goes the top.

Very often the shade trees come from the nurseries with this same grave error committed on them.

By cutting off the top in order to live at all the growth is forced out from the twigs, and as the stub gradually decays a weak point is made right in the center, so that as soon as the branches are of any considerable size the strain of the windstorms rends it open at that point where the greatest strength is required. Every storm that comes along is weakening it still more, and the larger the branches the

greater the leverage of the wind. A storm had just passed and taken off one-third of the farthest tree in illustration No. 7. It had also split the other two limbs. In other words, the tree was ruined. In illustration No 8 just one-half of the tree is wrenched off in a violent storm, and this tree also is ruined.

The mistake generally lies in selecting too large a tree, and, being too large, the height also is objectionable. and the winds would be apt to blow it



SO. 8.—TRUNK WEAKENED BY CUTTING OFF TOP; SPLIT BY WIND

over. Knowing this, the top is taken off, with the result that has been described.

The best size for common planting s a tree about as big as a broom handle. The proportions of the length of such a tree, say a maple or elm, would be almost twelve feet, and a good stake would hold it in place. A small tree will almost invariably grow, because it has its "feeding roots."

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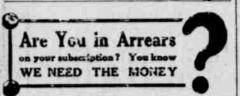
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