

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, I should suggest that growers give—(1) More attention to seed-selection; (2) aim at propagating sturdy short-jointed plants; (3) be sparing with manures; (4) when watering, keep humidity as low as possible, in order to aid fertilization; (5) keep the house clean and free from decaying rubbish; (6) when spraying, *spray*, and spray thoroughly, especially the *under*-sides of the leaves, and *always* test the Bordeaux solution before applying.

ORCHARD INSTRUCTORS.

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