

### STRAWBERRY-LEAF SPOT.

Plants that have remained comparatively free from the "spot" during warm, dry weather will frequently show considerable infection when cold, wet weather has set in. Strawberries should be thoroughly sprayed with the Bordeaux mixture, 4-5-50 formula.

### PRUNING.

In order to avoid a rush of work later in the season, the pruning of the orchard may be commenced as soon as the leaves have fallen from the trees, and continued, as the weather permits, during the months of winter. As disease may be carried from one season to another on the wood that has been removed when cutting back, all prunings, as far as possible, should be gathered up and burned.

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## GRAPE - CULTURE.

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### VINEHOUSE WORK FOR JUNE.

THE pruning of the early-ripening vines may commence about the end of this month, provided the leaves have fallen or a tap of the rod brings them off. Before pruning, should it be required to obtain cuttings or scions for grafting, these should be selected and taken off the vines first. The proper wood for this purpose is that which has borne fruit, is well ripened, and short-jointed. Cut to convenient lengths, label each kind, bury them up to the top joint in moist loose earth or sand, and place in a cool shed—the back of a building or other suitable spot where the sun cannot reach them. It is necessary for grafting that the scion should be dormant and the stock growing. The growth of scions must therefore be retarded. When pruning rods of one year's growth the bud at the base of the lateral (there is only one at this stage) is prominent, and no mistake need be made where to make the cut. As the vines get older, however, the buds get smaller, and there are more of them, so that the beginner in vine-culture is more likely to be confused. There is generally one, if not so conspicuous as in the young rods, immediately at the base of the lateral, that can be relied upon, above which the cut may be made. This applies to the majority of vines now being cultivated under glass. The exceptions are Barbarossa and Duke of Buccleuch. In pruning these it has been found necessary