

WEEKLY NEWS BULLETIN

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WINTER PROTECTION OF ROSES

The roses have had their final winter-protection put on in the shape of evergreen boughs, spread over the entire beds in such a way as to shade the rose bushes as much as possible, as well as to hold the snow, thus preventing alternate freezing and thawing.

There are a number of factors entering into the question of frost injury or winter-killing of roses. Of these, evaporation is one of the most important. Even in cold weather, there is a slow evaporation of moisture from a living twig. If this evaporation is more rapid than it is being supplied by the roots, the twig shrivels and eventually dies.

The rate of evaporation varies but is increased by exposure to high winds and bright sun. Protection of a rose bush against these two factors, as well as against alternate freezing and thawing, will greatly decrease the amount of winter injury. More winter-killing is done by alternate freezing and thawing, by the winter's winds and the winter's sunshines, than by cold.

We have also hilled up a number of our roses with earth to a height of eight to ten inches, mulching the entire area later with well-rotted manure, making sure that all holes between the plants are filled in. Naturally it is too late in the season to do this, but it should be borne in mind for another year, as roses hilled up just before the final freeze-up mulched with manure, and finally covered with evergreen boughs will probably winter better than when protected in any other manner.

Protection Against Mice in Orchards

Several weeks ago we put mice protectors on all the young apple trees. The material used was a good grade of white building

paper, which was prapped around the trunk of the tree and tied in position both top and bottom with binder twine. Owing to winter setting in so early this year, it is quite possible that a good many orchardists have overlooked protecting their young trees against the ravages of mice. Even at this late date, providing the snow is not too deep, steps should be taken immediately to provide such protection. Extra precautions should be taken to ensure the paper fitting snugly against the ground. If a small opening is left at any one place, it will enable mice to gain access to the trunk of the tree. The snow will have to be scraped away from the base of the trunk, the paper put on carefully and if ashes, gravel or some similar material is available, a little scattered around the outside of the paper will fill up any openings which may be present, thus resulting in a first-class job, even although the ground is frozen.

A Cross Of Honor As A Remembrance For The Fallen

Pilgrims Visit Plot at Westminster on Armistice Day.

London.—The fifteenth anniversary of the silencing of world hostilities saw, once again, the planting of a sacred "Field of Remembrance" in the very shadow of majestic Westminster Abbey.

All day, the pilgrimage to the hallowed spot went on—young and old placed a miniature wreath, stood a moment with bared head, then quietly moved on with their thoughts, the never-ending line moved up.

Crosses of all size and quality stood there, row on row, almost as their counterparts stood in Flanders fields. Captain E. A. Fitzroy planted a cross in memory of fallen members of the staffs of both Houses of Parliament. This fine tribute rubbed against a humble bit of wood brought reverently by an aged woman. Her's was very small beside the other but it was brightened with the tears of a lonely mother, whose son would never return.

At night, the enclosure was flooded with brilliant lights—and still the crowd passed by—their desire to honor the fallen not waning with the years.

At Edinburgh, a Field of Remembrance was set up near the beautiful Scott monument in East Princes St. Gardens.

In other cities of the British Isles, Fields of Remembrance are being planned for other Armistice anniversaries so that the old who remember and the young who have never known—the men with medals and the women with memories form a parade of sorrow around a miniature Flanders cemetery filled with crosses, row on row.

A visitor had made an exhaustive tour of France, but a friend in Paris thought that as the crown of his whole experience he would take him to dine at Voisin's.

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"Well," the visitor answered, "I'll go to Voisin's, if you like, but don't talk to me about old Burgundy and Bordeaux. What I am looking for is a good reliable French bootlegger who can get me a drink of ice water."

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