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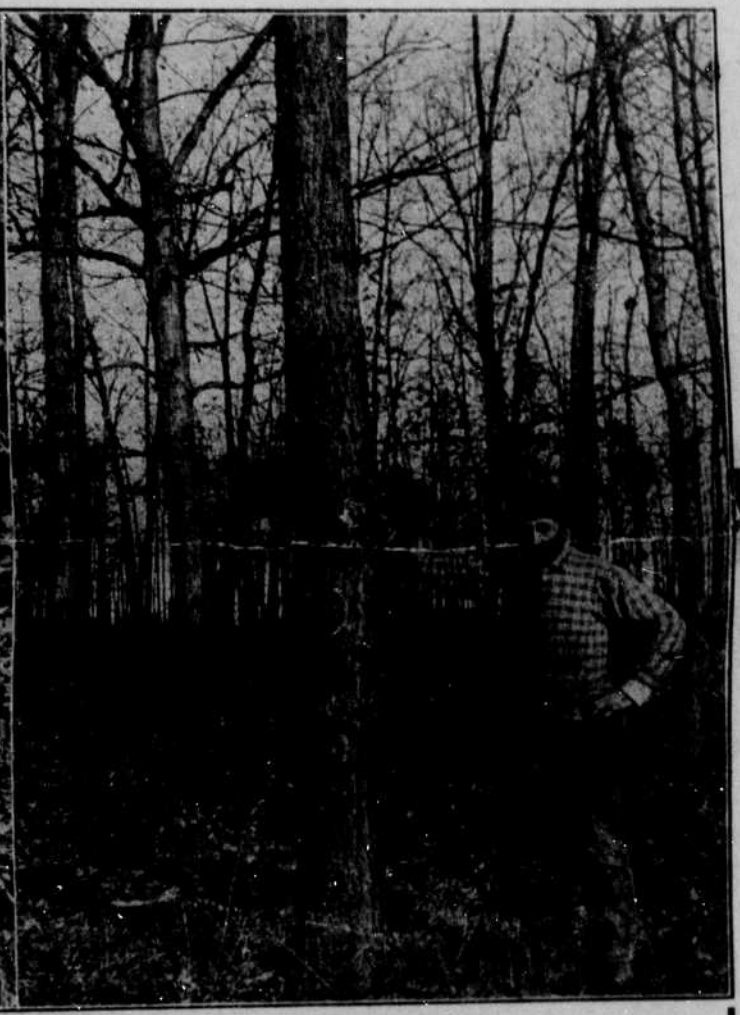
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Thrifty Forest Growth.



A Young Catalpa.



A Locust 20 Years Old.

Take Care of The Farm Woodlot.

SOUTHERN FARMERS are just beginning to realize the value of their woodlands and to appreciate the fact that timber is a crop, the same as cotton or corn, differing from them in the long time necessary for it to come to the harvest, but requiring to be propagated and cared for just as they do. The prevalent mania for clearing lands has resulted in many farms being entirely without a timber supply, and this is always unfortunate. The farm should have enough woodland at least to supply its needs in the way of posts, firewood, lumber for fencing and repairs, etc. A small acreage will, if properly handled, give an annual harvest of considerable value, and may be kept productive and even increased in value.

Prof. W. J. Green in the Ohio Farmer, by courtesy of which we publish the accompanying pictures, makes the following recommendations:

1. Exclude live stock in order to protect the young seedlings, as well as the trees which are to be planted, and to save the leaf mulch which will be blown away, if the small trees and shrubs are destroyed.
2. Protect against fire.
3. Permit no indiscriminate cutting of thrifty young trees of good species and use care in felling large trees so as to avoid damaging valuable ones, both large and small.
4. In some cases large trees need to be removed, in order to save them before decay sets in, and for the good of the young trees.
5. In most woodlots there are "weed trees" which will never yield timber of any value, besides they are shading valuable young trees.
6. Thinning may need to be done where growth is retarded by serious crowding.
7. Planting may need to be done in order to fill open spaces, so that the ground may be fully occu-

ped. 8. Where fire has run through timber it may be necessary to cut many trees of small size and allow them to sprout; also to do more or less planting. 9. In case there is good reason to cut most of the large trees, planting should be done at once, before the ground becomes sodded.

It is just as foolish to waste timber as any other farm product, and it is just as unwise to get half returns from the woodlot as from the pasture or the cultivated fields. A little thought and care along this line would be worth much to a great many of our readers.

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