

Manual of Tree Diseases. By W. HOWARD RANKIN, Pp. xx + 398. 70 illustrations. New York, The Macmillan Company, 1918. Price \$2.50.

This book, another of the series of Rural Manuals edited by Professor Bailey, promises to be especially useful to foresters, those in charge of city trees, park and estate managers; in fact, to all interested in the care of trees.

While this is strictly a scientific treatise, the descriptions and scientific language are sufficiently simplified so as to be easily followed by the lay reader. The 70 half-tone illustrations contribute materially toward this end. The diseases of fruit trees are not included; or at least only incidentally; only the principal American forest, shade and ornamental trees are treated. Their diseases are discussed for the most part under the headings *symptoms*, *cause*, and, when these are known, *methods of control*.

The first four chapters are devoted to a discussion of diseases more or less common to trees in general, such as damping-off of seedlings, smoke and gas injury, frost injury, root-rots, etc. Following are chapters in which the trees themselves are arranged alphabetically according to their common names; and under each their more specific diseases are discussed. The final chapters treat of the comparatively new subjects of tree surgery and dusting and spraying for the control of leaf diseases.

In the appendix follows a list of the common names of trees, opposite their scientific names, a glossary of scientific terms, and references to the more important literature of tree diseases.

The book should prove indispensable to the scientific worker as well as exceedingly useful to everyone interested in trees and in knowing how to take care of them.—E. W. OLIVE.

The Small Place: Its Landscape Architecture. By ELSA REHMANN. Pp. 1-164. Illustrated. N. Y., G. P. Putnam's Sons. 1918. Price \$2.50.

In the development of suburban properties there are always so many confusing features to be dealt with that the amateur is often at a loss where to turn for advice. Miss Rehmann, whose article on "The Flower Garden" appeared in the last issue of the JOURNAL, has done a peculiarly valuable service to owners in collecting descriptions, plans and photographs of fifteen small places from a half to five acres, designed by some of the best known landscape architects in the country. Each of the schemes exhibits some problem or combination of them and the different architects' solution. The book is therefore valuable to any one in the throes of wondering what to do with a place. It will serve a useful purpose if it shows that the wisest course is to have one's own ideas,—carried out by an expert.—N. T.



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