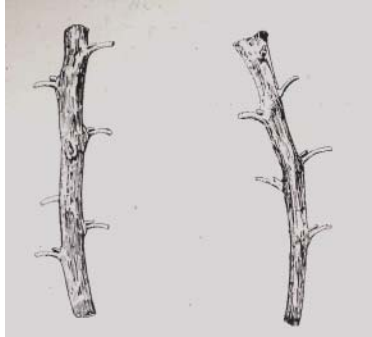


BUDDING, GRAFTING, TOPWORKING



November 22, 1930

Question: What is the *best time to bud*?

Dr. Coit: I don't think this question can be answered in a few words—it depends on why you are budding, to what varieties you are budding, what you are going to do with the trees, and many other factors. The usual time for budding is in the Fall before the bark ceases to slip which is in September, October, and November or up until the bark becomes tightened with cold weather. Budding can also be done in the Spring after the bark begins to slip again which varies from year to year in different localities from the middle of February until the middle or last of March. The chief reason why less budding is done in the Spring and more in the Fall is because the budwood is in a more satisfactory condition in the Fall.

May 16, 1931

Question: In a frostless inland district of San Diego County, what season of the year is considered the best for budding Fuerte and Nabal?

Dr. Coit: We generally bud Fuerte and Nabal when the budwood is in best condition and usually that is some time between the 1st of September and the 1st of December. In the Fall of the year the budwood is in the best condition and you can get the best stick as a rule. You say it is a frostless district. Therefore, you need have no fear of your young sprouts getting nipped by the frost if any start before Spring.

Question: Can you give me the location or address of a grove as large as an acre or more where the trees are budded on seedlings from one known tree, and the bud-wood all came from one known tree, and at the same time, a grove of four or more years of age?

Answer: I cannot. Does anybody know of such a grove? Four years old and all buds came from same tree?

May 16, 1931

Question: When a young avocado tree (Anaheim) sends out a new shoot above the bud union and in a short time it is taller than the original tree, what do you advise? The tree has been in the orchard sixteen months and is 3½ to 4 ft. tall.

Mr. Barrett: I would cut off the old tree and grow the new shoot in the new tree without a question.

Hamburg: I would bud it over.