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PREFACE

THERE is, in the horticultural world, perhaps no more controversial subject than that of propagation. The reason is not far to seek; propagation is no exact science and proficiency is more often than not the prerogative of the scientifically uninitiated. I have a great respect for the 'green-fingered' amateur; the professional propagator can often learn much from him, but reciprocation of such knowledge is rare. Rightly or wrongly the professional has always surrounded his art with a certain air of mystery. It is my earnest hope that this contribution will be of interest and instruction to professional and amateur alike.

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