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BOOK REVIEW

BÄRTELS, A. (ed.): *DER BAUMSCHULBETRIEB*. — Eugen Ulmer GmbH & Co., Stuttgart 1885. 600 pp., 158 DM.

Several books already exist that describe in detail cultivation of plants in nurseries, but there was no book available on plant nursery practice (plant rearing) *i.e.* engineering and practical works in tree nursery. The book being reviewed has combined these aspects in a compact account, which might be used by students in their final year of a degree course as well as by everyone who has interest or needs to extend knowledge in this field.

The matter is divided into twelve chapters. The introducing chapter brings definitions of the main terms and a review of present areas, specialization and aim of nurseries in nineteen countries of Europa among others also in Czechoslovakia. The next chapters are devoted to the usefulness of climatic and soil factors for nursery establishment, building equipment, implement and machinery, irrigation methods, devices and systems. The plant material operation is dealt with in the remaining seven chapters devoted to propagation of woody plants, cultivation of nursery plants in open area and in pots, harvesting and storing, plant protection, to effectiveness and economy of operations and marketing.

The book is clearly compiled. The text is perfectly illustrated by 126 tables, 57 colour and 330 black-white photos, schemes and graphs. Orientation in the text is facilitated by subdivision of chapters and a detailed index (17 pages) containing German as well as Latin plant names. It is a pleasure to read such a well written and well printed book.

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