

Letters to the Editor

Disadvantages of Plane Trees.

To the Editor of The New York Times:

The plane tree, championed by Arthur Guiterman in a recent number of THE TIMES, has three disadvantages as regards its use as a shade tree in cities. Having no tap root, it is easily blown over by high winds; as its roots lie near the surface, it throws the sidewalks out of level and robs the grass of fertilizer and moisture, and its "annual cleaning," now going on, litters the pavement with bark scales and leaves the trunk most unsightly.

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