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out; the valve is then closed, and the honey is taken out by the sliding-door. The superior part of our readers will doubtless take a pleasure in communicating this easy mode of avoiding cruelty, to those whom the information might not otherwise reach.

To make Roses blow very late.

First, cut off the tops of the rose-trees immediately after they have done bearing, and then they will flower again in November; but they will not come just on the tops where they have been cut, but on the side shoots. Second, pull off the buds of the roses when they are newly knotted; for then the side branches will bear in the autumn: in both these cases the effect is the same, the sap is restrained for a time, and diverted into new channels. Third, lay the roots bare for some days, about Christmas; by this means the sap is stopped in its progress upwards. Cover the roots again with earth, and it will ascend, but slower and later. Fourth, gird the body or stem of the rose-tree with packthread, and that will restrain the sap from rising through the bark, which is full of sap-vessels, and cause it to leaf and flower

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