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Hoe harrow sufficiently to keep down weeds and hand hoe the plants two or three times during the first season. About Mid Summer turn a light furrow from the rows taking care not to run too close (for the roots are shallow) and in the fall turn the furrow back upon the rows — After 1st year less working is needed, but always keep clear of weeds and the ground mellow. The season for cutting is about beginning of the Fifth Month; use strong pruning Knives and cut as soon as the buds are fairly swelled and green but not bursting — tie in bundles weighing say twenty pounds each. — Cut large and small growths, leaving not more than two or three buds on each stump.

My brother received for his first crop one year from the planting, consisting of one and a half acres of Welsh Willows, twelve Dolls, his second years crop forty Dolls for Third & Fourth years crops each sixty Dolls; the purchaser cutting & preparing, and my brother delivering them in Philad.a a distance of about four miles. The ground upon which the above willows were grown, has never yielded him before more than one crop, of any kind which would pay for the gathering. Mainly owing to the meadows being flooded by an adjoining creek, often several times during the season.

On speaking to my brother of your wish for Hary to try the experiment, he desired me to add it will afford him pleasure to furnish him in the Spring with a bundle of each variety, and joins me in the hope that the experiment may succeed. I have endeavored to give in the foregoing a general account of the Willow and its cultivation, should there be any other points on which it is in my power to throw light, it will afford pleasure to thy

Affectionate Cousin
Elliston P. Morris.