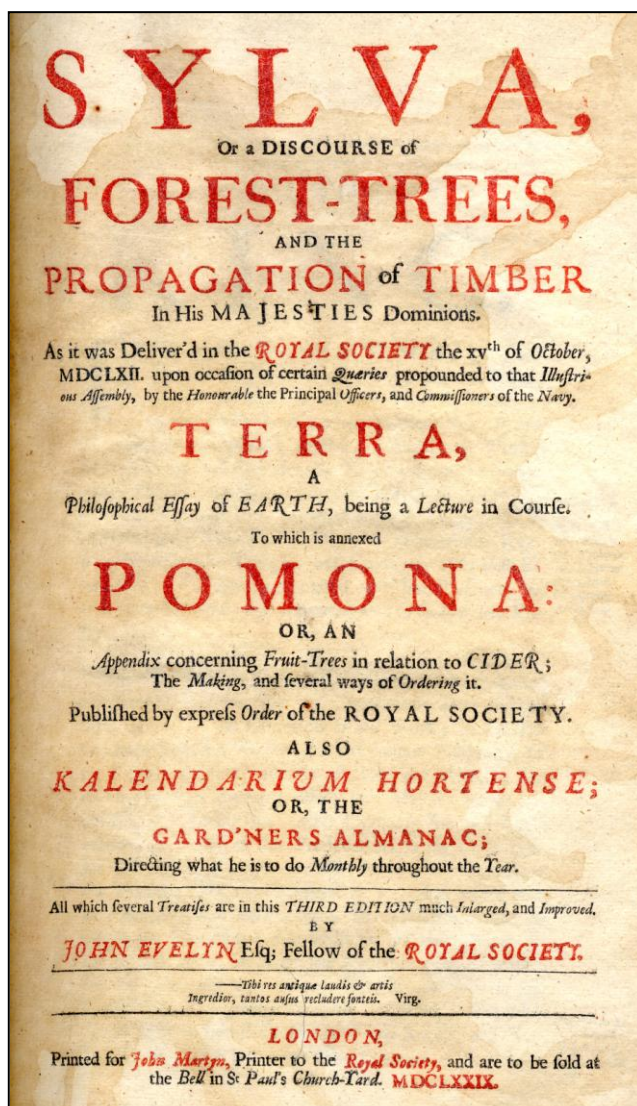


Sylva, Or a Discourse of Forest Trees, and the Propagation of Timber in His Majesties Dominions, by John Evelyn. London : John Martyn, 1679

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A treatise by an English writer, gardener and diarist. This 3^d edition of Sylva is one of the more popular books read in Special Collections.



Of the Fir:

“They will grow in both moist or barren gravel, and poor ground, so it be not over sandy and light, and want a loamy ligature; but before sowing (I mean here for large designs) turn it up a foot deep, sowing, or setting your seeds an hand distance, and riddle earth upon them; in five, or six weeks they will peep: when you transplant, water them well before, and cut the clod out about the root, as you do melons out of the hot-bed, which knead close to them like an egg: thus they may be sent safely many miles, but the top must neither be bruised, much less cut, which would dwarfe it for ever”.