**THE EVOLUTION OF THE HORTICULTURIST**

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It was at the very dawn of our modern era, if we accept the historian’s division of time, that Columella wrote:

I can not enough wonder why they who desire to learn eloquence are so nice in their choice of an orator, whose eloquence they may imitate; and they who search after a knowledge of surveying and numbers look out for a master of the art they delight in; and they who are desirous of some skill in dancing and music are exceedingly scrupulous in their choice of one to modulate their voices or to regulate the motions of their bodies; also they who have a mind to build send for architects, masons and carpenters; and they who resolve to send ships to sea send for skilful pilots; they who make preparations for war call for men of war; and everyone sends for a person from the society and assembly of the wise to form

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