



If the scion is thriving after about twelve months, the binding may be removed and the top of the stock above the graft may be cut away.

The side-graft can also be used to improve the shape of the tree. The length of trunk would be enhanced by the addition of a branch, a careful sidegraft should produce a necessary balance. It is always essential to use closely allied stock and scion for grafting and where a branch is been added for shaping, the same rule applies. The new branch must be the same as its fellows or there may be a difference in growth rate and the harmony of the tree will be spoiled.

Of all the methods of propagation this one needs the greatest degree of neatness and dexterity. An ugly graft could spoil a tree but a neatly executed join will produce a fine bonsai within a few years.

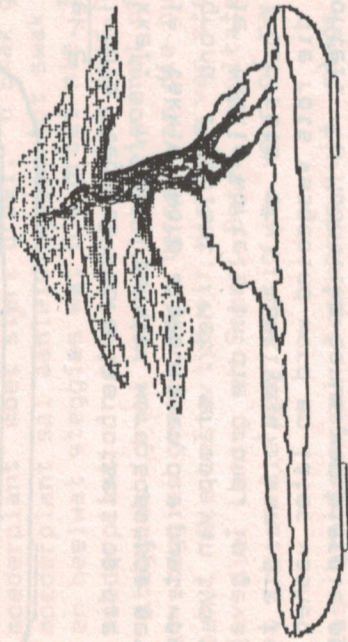
It is also possible to graft a new root should it be required. (See "wortel in-enting".)

Repeated applications of the abovementioned techniques must be practised in order to acquire a high degree of success. It may be added that the Ficus is a very willing grower.

WORTEL IN-ENTING

THEUNS ROOS

Wortel in-enting word gebruik waar 'n bonsai gaeie wortels het maar aan een kant moontlik beter wortels benodig. In heelwat gevalle van die Wortel-oor-rots styl (Sekijoju), kan 'n boom beter vertoon met meer wortels oor die rots - veral op spesifieke plekke.



Twee tegnieke kan gebruik word:

Tegniek 1

By hierdie tegniek word 'n aparte, klein boompie by die gevestigde bonsai geplant. Die stammetjie van hierdie boompie word dan teen die rots vasgebind om met verloop van tyd daaraan te heg soos 'n wortel. Die stammetjie word bo aan die stam van die gevestigde bonsai vasgebind met kleefband. Die stammetjie kan ook onder die gevestigde bonsai se stam ingedruk word, indien daar spasie is. Met verloop van tyd groei die stammetjie vas aan die stam van die bonsai en kan die punt wat verbysteek afgesny word. Die nuwe boompie wat ingeënt is, behoort dan reeds aan beide die klip en stam vasgeheg te wees. Die voordeel van hierdie metode is dat 'n wortel ingeplant kan word op die presiese plek waar dit benodig word.