

What's pruning? A Sideways Look

Is it the removal of both living and dead material from above and below ground?

Is It then: cutting; breaking; clipping; cleaving; chewing; crushing; tearing; ripping; splitting----?

Filling time between being born and dying



Art and starvation



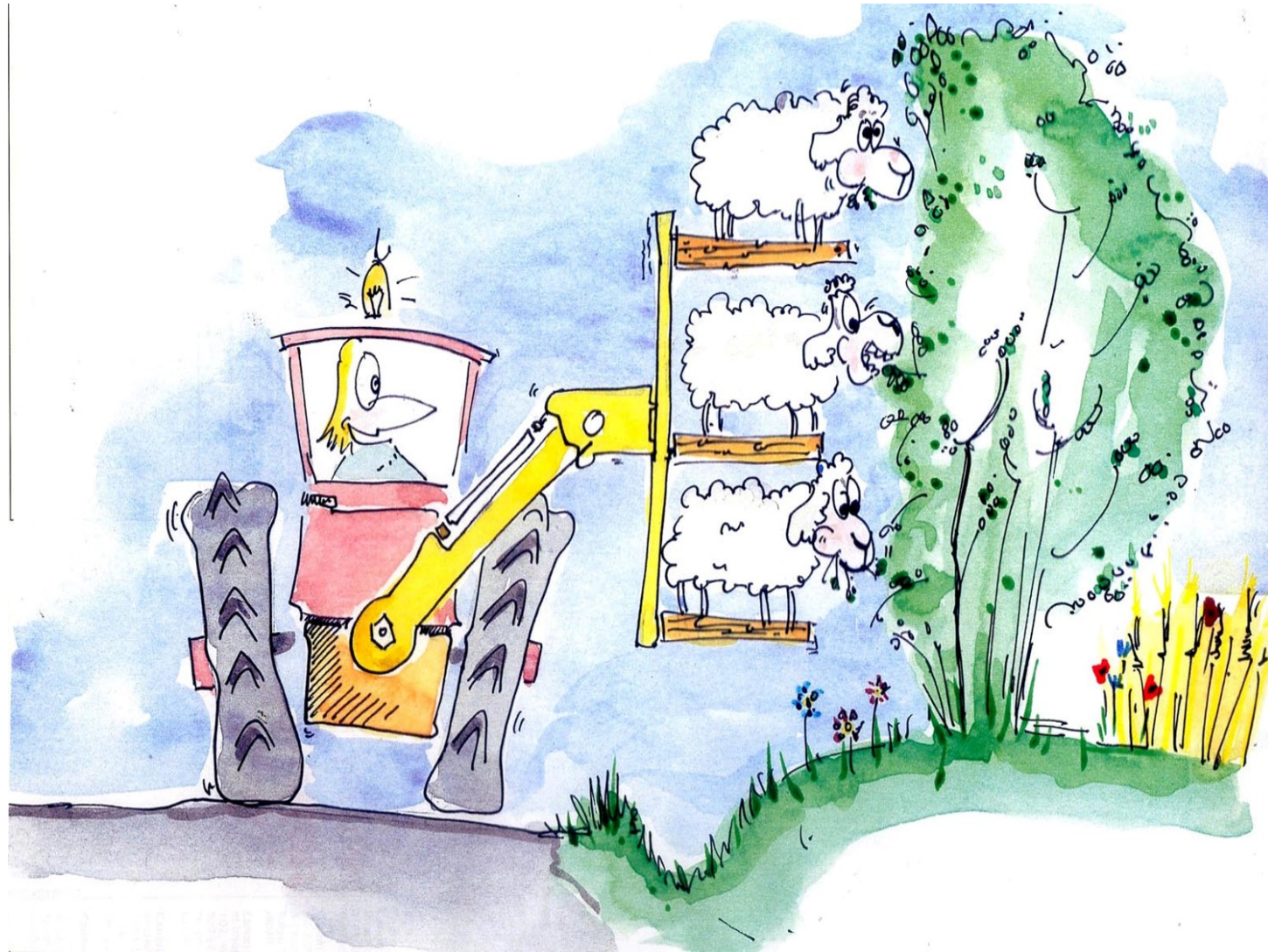
Art and mutilation



Employment (and whiskery gene-bank beech)



Hedge cutting French stile. Eat the hedge.



Beaver: a real cutter



Wild boar: a major root pruner



Biter –upper and lower teeth



Tongue in cheek



Browse – natural topiary



Deer topiary



Response to browsing



Pony pollarding



Arborists and mistletoe pruning



Parakeet
bud pruning
of horse chestnut



Hedge cutter innoculaion



Squirrels after catkins



Squirrel and wood pigeon's elm flower salad



Squirrel, wood pigeon or parakeets – on
hornbeam seeds



Mildew – on oak



Frost pruning of oak



Red band on *Pinus nigra*



Squirrels have ring barked leader



Wind pruning



Wind pruning
leaving stub ends



Snow pruning
leaving stub ends



Snow plus stub ends



cleft wood lasts longer



mechanical flail



flail





Wind cleft



Wind cleft



Wind pruned and cleft



Wind pruned



Wind pruned



Wind and abscission



Horse pruning - chewed and ripped



Horse some bitten ends with dieback



Cow not clean bites on broom



Is any of it relevant?



Two primates -
one assumes he is superior
to the other

....and the tree world
is full of assumptions too

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