This Christmas present from my daughter Jill has turned out to be the “cat’s meow or bee’s knees.”

Held like a long-barrel gun, it easily slides into a shrub or rose bush to cut a ¾-inch or smaller branch. The power-lever technology of the pruner makes it easy—you don’t have to squeeze so hard—to prune small tree branches, shrubs, and thorny rose bushes, and, because of its length, you don’t catch your arm or sleeve on the branches or thorns.

To date my hydrangeas, roses, coral honeysuckle, butterfly bushes, beautyberry bushes, and many others have been pruned and are ready for spring. Thanks, Jill.

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