

The pruning of shrubs is often perplexing to the amateur, owing to the different flowering habits, some flowering on wood of the current year's growth, and some on that of the previous year, of which latter the Sweet Syringa is an example. Fig. 1912 shows one of them, the top part of which was pruned in May, just before its flowering

season, and, as a result, the whole top part of young growth is without flowers, while the old wood is laden down with beauty. The photograph was taken on June 30th. Had the pruning been deferred until about this date the whole bush would have been a thing of beauty, and the July growth would have been prepared for blooming in 1901.



FIG. 1913. A VIEW IN THE CHERRY EXPERIMENTAL PLOT.