



FIG. 2626
VINE WREATHED LAMP POST

its velvety gray-green leaves and spikes of yellow flowers contrasting charmingly with more showy plants. These plants make a fine background.

In such a tiny garden it is scarcely practicable to have clipped borders, or any large growing trees: but a clump of shrubbery could be made a feature in place of a flower bed. An unsightly pile of stones may be

(see Fig. 2627) and if you select the plants so that you have early and late flowers, you may by trimming out dead foliage, keep your garden always in bloom: and don't forget the tall, spear-like plants, such as hollyhocks and sunflowers, and even the despised mullen of our fields, which in England

is grown in great beauty in gardens.



FIG. 2627.

transformed into a pretty feature by filling the interstices with earth and planting therein the mullen and thistle. Ordinary corn will give the effect of palms, and will grow fairly well if it receives plenty of sunshine. It needs very little water. Even a brick wall may be made to blossom and fruit as well. It is quite a common sight in England to find small fruit trees trained flat up against the sunny side of a house, and all bearing well.

SOME FLOWER LEGENDS

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RUSKIN writes in one of his books, "The greatest thing a human soul ever does in this world is to see something and tell what it saw in a plain way." I suppose if a person reads something and writes of that which he has read in a plain way, he will also be doing some good.

"There's beauty all around our paths, if but our watchful eyes
Can trace it midst familiar things, and through their lowly guise:
We may find it where a hedgerow showers its blossoms o'er our way,
Or a cottage window sparkles forth in the last red light of day."

But we do not stop to look. "Hurry