

Siberian Arbor vitae (*Thuja occidentalis wareana Sibirica*):—The Siberian Arbor vitae is one of the best known varieties. It is of compact habit, and while not as dwarf



FIG. 1966. ALCOCK'S SPRUCE.

as some others, it does not grow very tall. The leaves have a blunt appearance, which distinguishes it from most varieties, and their deep bluish green color is also quite distinct.

*Thuja occidentalis Columbia*:—Of those varieties of the American Arbor vitae which have variegated foliage this is one of the best. The tips of the leaves, which are rather blunt, are whiter than most of the other variegated forms, and the contrast between the lighter parts and the green is, therefore, more marked. This is a very beautiful variety.

There are a good many species of spruce, and of the Norway spruce especially there are a great many varieties, but there are few of them which are better than the ordinary forms. The Norway spruce (*Picea excelsa*) is one of the best evergreens that will grow in this country. It is hardy, of rapid growth and good form, and possesses more good points than any of the other species.

The Rocky Mountain Blue Spruce (*Picea pungens*) is a very handsome tree. It lacks the graceful form of the Norway, but if a good specimen of the glaucous form is procured there will be nothing found to equal the beauty of the steely blue foliage. This tree is a slow grower and it takes some time before it reaches a great height. The beautiful specimens growing at the Central Experimental Farm are the wonder and admiration of all visitors. This species varies much from green to steely blue, and in ordering this tree the blue variety should be asked for.

Among the newer spruces there are none of the hardier species which equal Alcock's spruce (*Picea Alcockiana*) in beauty. It is a native of Japan and there attains a height of from forty to sixty feet. It is quite distinct from other species. The upper surface of the leaves is dark green and the lower surface is bluish, silvery-green, and the contrast gives the tree a very attractive appearance. The cut of this spruce, which was produced from an excellent photo taken by Mr. F. F. Shutt, gives some idea of the character of it.

The native White Spruce (*Picea alba*) is not to be ignored. When given plenty of