



FIG. 2096. THE LUCKY SPOT, WITH HORSE SHOE RIBBON BED.

plants raised by any school boy or girl, at an exhibition to be held for this purpose in the fall.

Every year Mr. Cox sets out from 15,000 to 20,000 plants from pots which consist of alternanthera (five varieties, orange, pink, green, bronzy red, light red), echeveria, sedum, several varieties of coleus, ageratum, alyssum, lobelia, petunia, sweet peas.

The grounds are also decorated with cannas and dracenas in tubs, of which latter there are a couple of dozen varieties, and which always look graceful. These have been kept growing for years, having been bought when very small, and placed within reach of any one who is fond of their care.

The situation is elegant, overlooking the town and the Grand River, so that an enthusiast may sit here for hours feasting his eyes upon flowers about him, and the beautiful landscape.

Mr. Cox commends the coleus most highly for bedding out; it may be so easily grown from seed in a cigar box placed in a sunny window in March, with a small pane of glass covering it. As the days go by and the little seedlings come to the surface, they are continually changing color, and one finds great delight in watching them develop, wondering what colors each day will bring forth. The coleus too is showy at a distance, even the horsemen galloping by