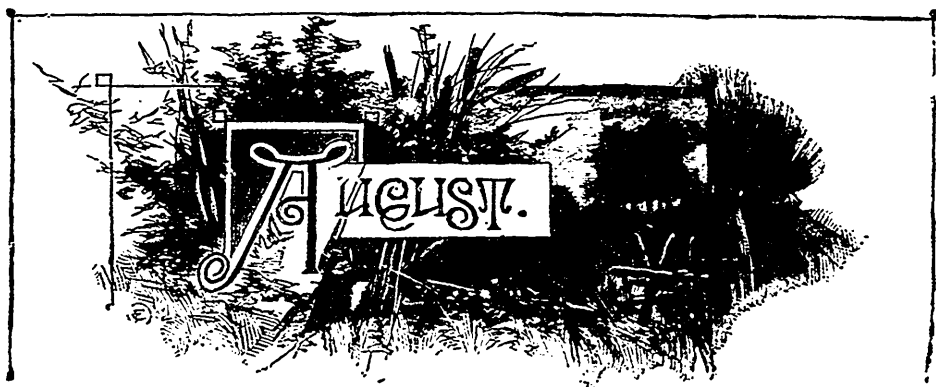


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THE LATE JOHN CROIL, OF AULTSVILLE, ONT.

FRIEND after friend departs,
Who hath not lost a friend?
There is no union here of hearts
That finds not here an end.



HIS year seems full of calamities. Railway disasters, cyclones and the grip have mown down thousands of our fellows, and among them some whose loss is keenly felt by all students of horticulture.

The Society of American Florists has lost a prominent member in Mr. Peter Henderson; the Western New York Horticultural Society its first and only president, Mr. P. Barry; the Montreal Horticultural Society its worthy vice-president, Mr. Chas. Gibb, and now our own Society has to mourn the loss of one of her highly valued directors.

Mr. John Croil was a native of Glasgow, Scotland, where he was born in the year 1824. He received a good classical education at the Grange Academy, Sunderland, England, and at the age of nineteen came to Montreal, where for four years he engaged in mercantile life. But finding the close confinement unfavorable to his health, he decided upon a country life,