

The story flew about the hall like wild fire, and in ten minutes all the demoiselles attending the tables were importuning the florist for a spray of "that Boston vine." The next day the New York florists sent for the Boston man in haste, and all were willing and anxious for some of the Boston vine. One wanted two hundred strings a day for a month; another a thousand strings a week for the season, and everybody wanted more or less. In a very short time the Boston florist had orders for an immense quantity. He lost no time in telegraphing to his partner in Boston, and in twenty four hours the firm had control of nearly every Smilax in Boston and vicinity. Large shipments were made to New York, and since that time Smilax has been a staple article with the metropolitan florists.

SUBJECTS FOR DISCUSSION AT THE NEXT MEETING.

The Executive Committee have selected the following subjects for consideration at the next meeting, which will be held in the City Hall, Hamilton, on Tuesday and Wednesday, January 18 and 19, 1881. Members are requested to prepare papers on such of these subjects, or indeed upon any other within the scope of the objects of the Association, as they choose, to be read at the meeting. The following are the subjects indicated by the Committee, viz:—

FIRST.—What new or little known varieties of apples have been introduced, and which of them promise to be of value?

SECOND.—What new or little known varieties of pears have been introduced, and do any of them give promise of being valuable in our Province?

THIRD.—The best methods of putting up the different fruits for market?

FOURTH.—The best methods of preserving fruit and vegetables by drying?

FIFTH.—What soil, and what conditions of the surface soil would best conduce to the proper development of apple trees?

SIXTH.—The best twenty-four varieties of hardy roses, including climbing, summer, hybrid perpetual and moss roses?

SEVENTH.—The best varieties of hardy climbing shrubs?

EIGHTH.—The best varieties of Clematis, and the best methods of treatment?

NINTH.—Are there any Canadian wild flowers worthy of cultivation in our gardens that have not already been introduced?