

Virginia Creeper.

Many people in different parts of Canada, particularly in Quebec, in some parts of the Maritime Provinces and in Manitoba, are not aware how easily and cheaply they can add beauty and comfort to their homes by very little care.

When passing by the dwellings of the inhabitants of that northern city, St. Paul's, Minnesota, no trees, plants or shrubs attracted our admiration more than the beautiful and graceful festoons of Virginia Creepers that enriched the dwellings of that city. The frosts of that northern State were not too severe to prevent its thriving there, we thought, in greater grandeur and perfection than we had ever seen it before. Again in Woodstock, New Brunswick, we noticed it thriving with as much grace and beauty as in any other part. We all know it thrives well in Ontario, and most people have remarked its beauty; but there are many, many farmers in Ontario who should have some of it growing about their bare-looking dwellings. We well know that every lady will aid us to satisfy the desire of ornamenting their own homes and those of their neighbors. As this plant will thrive in the most northern parts of our Dominion that we have ever visited, we can safely recommend it to every one that has not yet procured it.

There are six varieties of this Creeper; the best variety has little gummy tendons or feet that attach themselves to buildings or trees, and require no railing to hold them up. Mr. Sharp, of Woodstock, N. B., has command of a large quantity of this, the best kind of Virginia Creeper, which he sells at 50c. a plant. We have made arrangements for a quantity, which we purpose to supply in the following manner: We will send one root free to any old subscriber, post-paid, to any

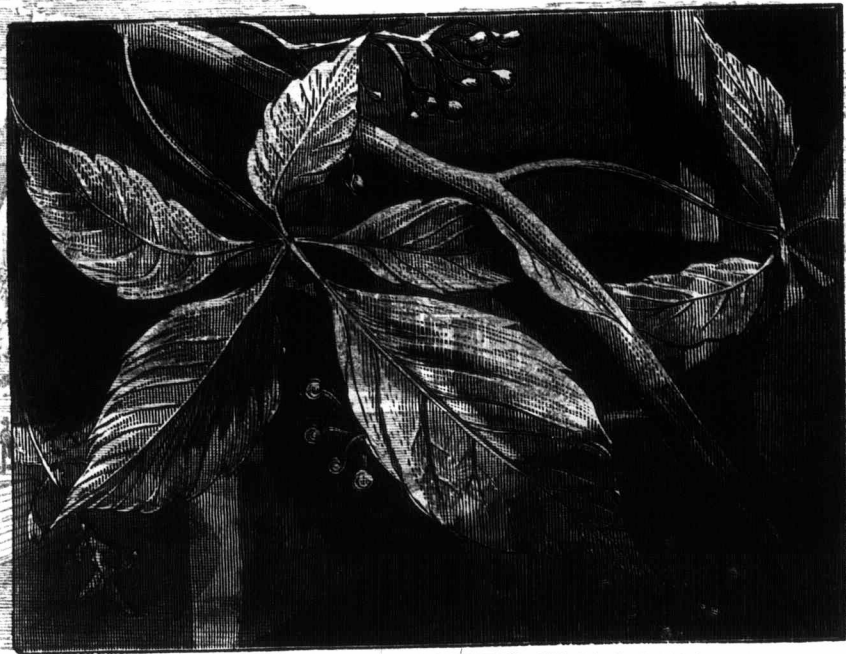
down and waving gracefully in the wind. In another part of the country we noticed a beautiful arbor in which a large party could sit and dine, elegantly covered and draped with it.

Any one of our readers may profit by the present rough designs we illustrate to show how cheaply such elaborate decorations can be made; any rough wood will answer for the frames. We also give you an illustration of the leaf, and the little fruit-like balls or feet which gum themselves to the walls. In the autumn, after the first tinge of frost, the rich verdant green of the leaves is turned to resemble all the bright colors of the brightest rain-

fitable lessons from the hospitable New Brunswickers; while they and every person living in any of the sister provinces, or on this continent, may profit greatly by the lesson we are about to impart, that is, if they have any real desire to advance the interest of agriculture, horticulture, or the improvement of themselves, their descendants or the country in which they reside.

We called at the house of Mr. Peeterson, one of the leading members of this colony. We found him to be a well-informed, gentlemanly person; he could speak English fluently and well. His house and grounds were the picture of neatness and taste. A neat lawn was in front of the house; trees and shrubs were planted; two rustic seats were on the grounds; a very neat rustic fence enclosed the lawn and grounds, and this in the backwoods of N. B. We were so much astonished at this that we made a rough sketch of the premises, which our artist has very much improved, because our drawings are of a somewhat nature (see No. 1, next page). We expressed our surprise at such a sight to Mr. Peeterson. He invited us to go with him to see the school house, which we did. This was a small log building, which on entering we found to be beautifully and tastefully decorated with evergreens and flowers.

[Mr. Peeterson then informed us of his great and noble plan that he wished to introduce into this settlement. It is this: To make the



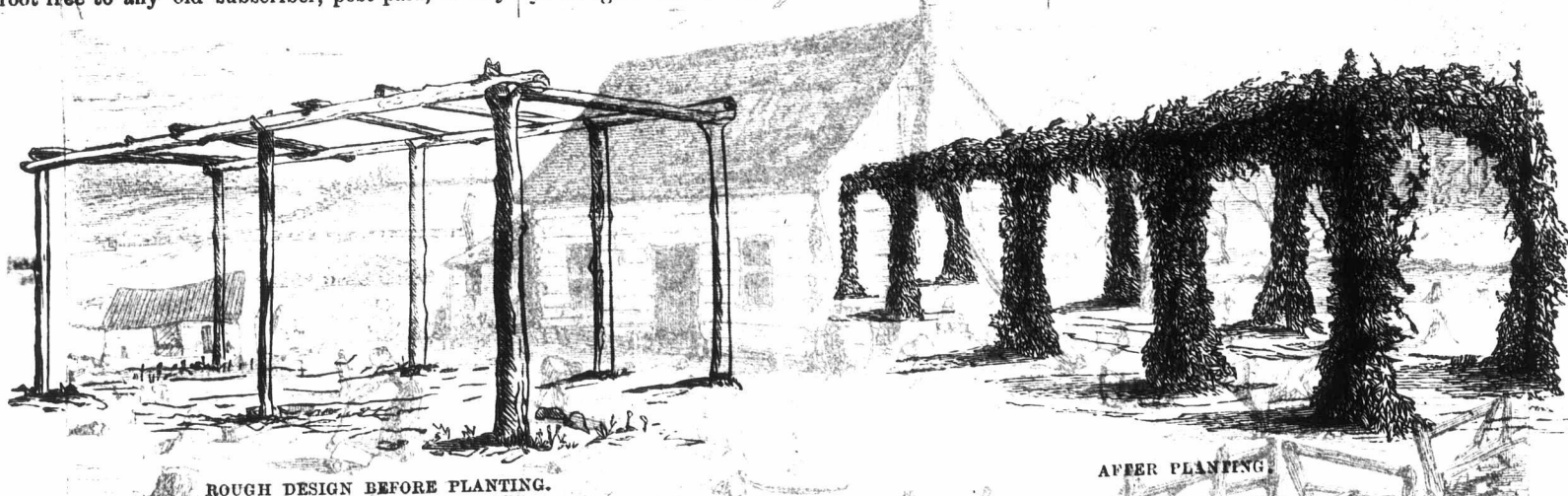
LEAF OF VIRGINIA CREEPER.

Just try and send one new subscriber, and adopt some one of the plans to add more grace and beauty to your home.

On the Wing.

NEW DENMARK, N. B.—A MOST VALUABLE LESSON.
New Denmark is the name given to a settlement of some 500 Danish emigrants, who settled five years ago about 230 miles north-west of St. John,

school grounds a garden and arboratum, to plant around the school all kinds of trees and flowers that would grow in that locality. He said this plan would give the children a knowledge of trees and plants that could not be so well imparted in any other way; it was the stepping-stone to agriculture, fruit and floriculture, and when the children grew up they would always have a love and taste for



ROUGH DESIGN BEFORE PLANTING.

AFTER PLANTING.

post office in the Dominion, for one new subscriber; \$1 for the subscription must accompany the order. Any person can easily obtain one new subscriber. Most of you know how beautiful and cool the Virginia Creeper makes a house; but very few of you know what a most handsome ornament it makes on a lawn in front of a house. When on Euclid Avenue, in Cleveland, Ohio, the past summer, the use of this plant as an ornament was more conspicuously brought before our notice than it ever had been. In one place we noticed a cross had been erected and a Virginia Creeper planted by it; this stood about 20 feet high, and the wood was completely covered, the long tendrils hanging

New Brunswick. It is about 7 miles from the St. John River, and 7 miles from Grand Falls, a station on the M. E. R. R. The land is tolerably well timbered with beech, maple, birch, etc.; the soil is rather of a light and somewhat stony and porous nature. The inhabitants have already adopted the American plan of compelling people to confine their stock, so many of the fields have no fence. They have settled with a determination to make themselves homes, and have worked with an energy that deserves success, although many condemn the quality of the soil and the rigor of the climate of New Brunswick.

We in the sister provinces may learn many pro-

beauty, order and refinement, and Botany would then be better known.

Reader, can you imagine the benefits of such a plan? Schoolmaster, what do you know of Botany, of trees, fruits or plants? School trustees, councillors or members of Parliament, have any of you brought forth or attempted to introduce any plan that would do so much good? As you may probably suppose, we said to Mr. Peeterson: "The children would destroy the trees and plants." He replied: "They do not; they love them; they take care of them; they take a pleasure in seeing them look nice; the children cultivate them and delight to do it." We asked if he had ever seen