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THE SNOWBALL TREE.



O many known as the Guelder Rose, this excellent flowering shrub has long held its place as one of the most desirable on the list. Of easy culture and great hardiness, it may be planted on almost any soil with assurance of success. Sometimes in rich soil it grows very rank, reaching a height of ten or twelve feet, and such a bush when covered with its fine, large, globular cymes of flowers, resembling snowballs, is, indeed, one of the prettiest of its season.

Botanically, the Snowball tree belongs to the honeysuckle family, to which we are also indebted for the climbing and bush honeysuckles, the Snowberry and the Elders, all of which are prized for ornamental purposes. It is known to students as *Viburnum opulis stirilis*, the latter word describing this special variety, of which the flowers are sterile. It comes to us from the gardens of Europe, but is really a form of our native *Viburnum opulus* or *Cranberry tree*. This latter is also a very ornamental, hardy shrub for Canadian lawns. In flower it is not conspicuous, but its bright, red berries hanging in clusters throughout the whole winter, make it a shrub that should be included in the smallest collection.

Besides these, we have five or six other native *Viburnums*, and amongst them is the Downy Arrow Wood (*V. Pubescens*), a low bush with showy