



FIG. 1891. FLOWERING CYME  
OF HYDRANGEA.

of strawberries and gooseberries to be seen this year. Mr. Knox had a basket of cut blooms of his climbing hydrangea, from Japan, the only one of its kind in Canada. It clings like an ivy against his residence.

We reproduce from page 300, 1899, a photograph of this rare climber growing on the house of Mr. John Knox, which Mr. Robertson considers is valuable. We now add a photo of one of the flower cymes, which are from six to ten inches across, and are composed mostly of fertile flowers, which however do not fruit.

Mr. Knox also exhibited some fine roses, of which he had taken great precautions to keep shaded with cotton from the fierce sun, when under such conditions the blooms lasted much longer.

Mr. Ogilvie had made a good display of roses, and as for the genial President, Mr. A. Alexander, he carried off the most of the prizes, of which he may well be proud; his grounds are a credit to himself and the city, and are well worthy of a visit by the majority of professionals; the cleanliness, taste and care there resorted to is wonderful in a busy business man. He is certainly one that loves flowers, and the term pot-hunter does not apply to him; in other words he does not work up his flowers so as to catch on to a few cent prizes; it is all love with him for the beautiful.

We cannot go further without asking what has become of the gentlemen's gardeners about Hamilton. Can it be that they, themselves, or their masters are unwilling to help along the amateurs, and to instil into the young citizens a love for flowers. The city florists also were not well repre-

sented. I think they could not be looking out for their own interest, for above all others they should try to stimulate a love for flowers, from which they make their living. Again, is it not surprising how few ministers take any interest in flowers. I often thought they should advise the young of their congregations to visit such places as flower shows, and be there themselves to give and receive pointers. It is certainly encouraging to see that we are not all alike in this respect. The City of Hamilton has done a good work on the Gore. Her aldermen must be flower-lovers, for there are great improvements in this line within the past few years. Ontario Government grants are liberal towards such work; City Councils are likewise in beautifying parks and squares. Let us then get the wealthy gentlemen to take an interest, and the clergymen also, and then we will all be good citizens and admire one another's flowers without envious eyes.

Niagara Falls.

R. CAMERON.

### Fruit Prospects.

SIR,—Our prospects for an abundant crop of apples and pears and cherries are very promising. The fruit is larger than usual at this season of the year, and seems perfectly free from Black Spot. After two hours' search I did not find a wormy apple. The Codling Moth does not seem so plentiful as last year, although we catch a few occasionally. There are quite a number of new varieties, both in apples and pears, that have fruited this season of which I will report more fully on when the fruit is gathered. According to present appearances our fruit crop will excel any former years both in quantity and quality. A very decided difference is seen between sprayed and unsprayed orchards, both in fruit and foliage. The wood growth on most varieties is healthy and vigorous. The late rains have made all orchards look brighter, and the outlook for a full crop of fruit of all kinds, except plums, is all that can be desired. Grapes currants, gooseberries and blackberries are quite forward and heavily loaded. We are thinning a number of Keiffer and Bartlett pears in order to keep them from breaking down. The pears received from France are all making good growth and several of the first lot have fruit on them.

Whitby, 12th July, 1900. R. L. HUGGARD.

### Lawns and Walks.

SIR,—Under above heading in July issue of your valuable paper, I notice it is recommended that weeds in gravel walks be pulled up or rough salt or crude carboic acid be used to kill them. A much simpler and very effective way is to use a solution made with Gillett's Lye. This method is also the correct thing to prevent weeds and grass growing through slat walks, care being taken not to allow the Lye solution to touch the slats of woodwork or the edgings or lawn grass. Gillett's Lye, besides being useful for spraying purposes, can be used to advantage in hundreds of ways around both country and town houses.

Toronto, July 9th, 1900.

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