

seen here and there, but does not appear to fruit as it does north, the berries either falling off before maturity, or being eaten by birds. Its white flowers are larger than in Canada.

The Seaside Lavender (*Suriana maritima*), an erect bushy shrub from 3 to 4 feet high, with yellow flowers scarcely one inch in diameter, grows abundantly along rocky shores, and on sand banks. It is said by the negro population to possess many medicinal qualities, and is in great request amongst them.

The Castor Oil Plant (*Ricinus communis*) attains in Bermuda a height of from 10 to 15 feet or more, branching out like a shrub. It is common on waste land, and revels in disused quarries.

The Yucca or Spanish Bayonet (*Y. aloifolia*) with massive thick spear-shaped leaves, from 4 to 6 feet high, with a sharp spine terminating each leaf, grows abundantly on rocky ridges, and is sometimes used as a live fence. It is closely allied to the Aloe (*A. vulgaris*), very similar in growth but more fleshy and substantial, which is also well distributed.

The Century Plant (*Agave Americana*) is another shrub not unlike the foregoing in growth and appearance. It throws up a flowering stem from 15 to 25 feet high, with orange yellow blossoms on alternate branchlets. This plant was formerly supposed not to bloom till 100 years old, but this is incorrect.

There are many other shrubs of a less showy description, but which this sketch can scarcely notice.

There is, however, a class of shrubby plants of profuse growth and size in Bermuda, viz., the Cacti, which assume proportions unknown in the north. The Night-blooming Cereus (*Cactus grandiflorus*), whose long snake-like stems either hang over walls, or ascend trees to a considerable height, unfolds after sunset one of the most magnificent flowers in the whole vegetable kingdom, 8 or 9 inches in diameter, wax-like and fragrant, but closing with or soon after daybreak. A large plant on the outskirts of Hamilton on the turn to Prospect had two years ago between 200 and 300 blossoms.

The many other Cacti familiar to horticulturists grow abun-