

## VIRGINIA CREEPER AS A LAWN OR BACK YARD SCREEN.

IN going over some negatives secured on a trip taken last autumn in company with Prof. Waugh, Horticulturist of the Vermont Experiment Station, through the principal apple growing region of Vermont, viz., Grand Island county, I came across one of which the accompanying illustration is a copy. It is offered to the readers of the HORTICULTURIST with a view of

with the very general use that was made—particularly about Burlington—of the Virginia Creeper, in covering stone walls, summer houses, and back yard fences. The effect late in September was pleasing in most instances. Here and there it was over done. The illustration shows how it was used with good effect as a lawn screen. The growth was luxuriant and completely hid from view the lattice

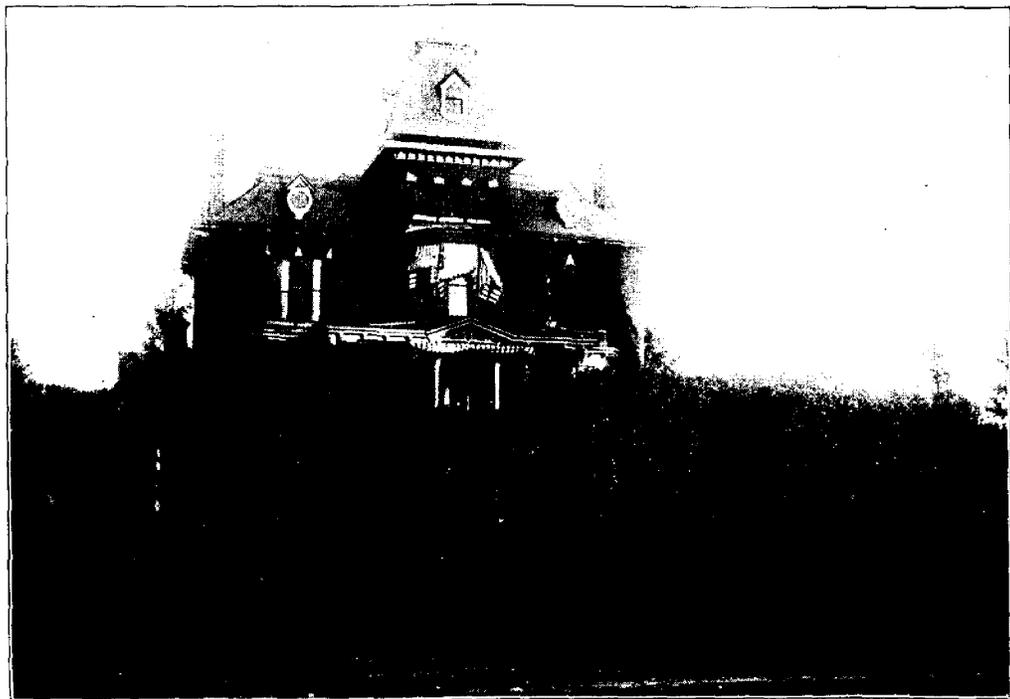


FIG. 1120.—RESIDENCE AT BURLINGTON, VT.

calling to mind one of the useful services our vigorous and sometimes unappreciated native *Virginia Creeper* may be called upon to perform.

Many people, especially those from the British Isles, like to secure to themselves a certain amount of privacy within the limits of their lawns. Hedge plants and stone walls give a stiff formal and forbidding expression to the front lawn—other causes may also prevent the use of these boundary agents. I was struck

work fence over which it clambered. The varying height of the screen from 5 to 8 feet took away the hedge like effect which it otherwise might bear. The grounds about the house had evidently been laid out and planted only a few years ago which suggested the possibility of the vine screen being used to cover the nakedness of the lawn till the shrubs and trees were sufficient of themselves. The effect at any rate was very pleasing.

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