



FIG. 1468.—HOUSE DECORATED WITH JAPAN IVY.

beautifully draping the base of the veranda. The vine is almost covered with small white flowers in June and July, and in August, are succeeded by long-tailed carpels which are almost equally ornamental. This must be very hardy, for in July, 1898, we found this variety under the name of *Virgin's Bower* luxuriantly covering Mr. Charles Young's back veranda, on St. Joseph's Island, Algoma.

The other cultivated varieties are too numerous to mention in this article. *C. Jackmani* is everywhere known and planted, but is almost too showy with its immense purple flowers. Like the Virginia creeper it flowers upon the young wood, which dies back considerably every year.

#### AKEBIA QUINATA.

This is one of the many plants introduced into England from China, but should not be mentioned here under the head of hardy climbers, for it is only in the milder parts of England that it succeeds outside. Yet in Southern Ontario it has proved itself perfectly hardy for several years past, and in our opinion is one of the prettiest climbers for its foliage and as a protection from the sun, that can be grown on a porch. It twines itself wonderfully about an upright wire, and reaches a height with us of about fifteen feet. Its flowers are small and insignificant, but the foliage is medium size, and a pretty green color,