

which is included in the Ginseng family, but both are members of the Vine family. The name *Ampelopsis Veitchii* is given it in honor of Mr. Veitch, the English nurseryman who introduced it from Japan into England.

This beautiful creeper is quite independent of trellises or strings for its support. Indeed, it will climb a stone wall, and cling so tenaciously that it can only be removed with the greatest difficulty. Plainly, therefore, it should not be trained upon any surface that needs painting or renewing.

The foliage during the summer is vigorous, and of a dark rich green, but in the autumn, if on dry soil and in a sunny location, it assumes brilliant tints of scarlet, crimson, and orange. Some magnificent vines may be seen at Boston, New York, Geneva (N.Y.), where it is considered perfectly hardy. A few have been planted at London, Ont., and other places in Canada, and we hope it may endure our climate, and be one more addition to the charms of our autumnal scenery.

#### AMONG THE MUSKOKA LAKES.

**A**FTER parting with our friends, at the Collingwood meeting, the temptation to visit Muskoka was too great to be resisted. What a pity that the great forest fires have so stripped off from the rocky shores and islands of these lakes, nature's covering; and has exposed to view the barren rocks, and the charred trunks of what once constituted a most valuable forest of pines.

Notwithstanding this, a series of some eight hundred lakes, dotted with islands of every size and shape, with rock-bound coast, and ever varying scenery, still makes the Muskoka District one of the most attractive regions in the world to summer tourists. Bundles of camping outfits are daily transferred at Muskoka wharf from the railway cars to the steamers, which await their loads of pleasure seekers, eager to carry them up the lake toward Bala, Lake Joseph, or Lake

Rosseau. At Gravenhurst, we had the pleasure of meeting Mr. J. P. Cockburn, an active member of our Association, who has done much toward encouraging fruit culture around Muskoka lake. Although fully occupied with official duties in connection with a busy post office and express office, he found time to drive out with us to a bog, where the interesting Canadian pitcher plant (*Sarracenia Purpurea*) grew in great abundance. He also took the writer through his green house, and made him accept a beautiful specimen plant of *Begonia rubra*. In his garden we found a seedling black raspberry, perfectly hardy, and as productive as any of our cultivated varieties.

Our sail up Muskoka lake was charming. Nor was it uninteresting to be informed that this lake was once, in the days of the Huron Indians, called "Petit Lac des Hurons," and