

THE HOP IN GARDENS.



HERE are few things more beautiful than the common hop, which, even when seen climbing over the straight poles in the hop fields, has a gracefulness and picturesqueness inexpressibly charming. We can take some of this beauty to the garden, and use the hop for covering bowers, arbors, trellis-work, and odd nooks, especially if evergreen vegetation is not required. A good use for it is as a climber permitted to ramble at will over dead trees, amongst shrubs and stumps, as any soil is suitable. We lose much picturesque



FIG. 398.—A HOP-COVERED ARCHWAY.