

## THE HOME SURROUNDINGS.

of large showy purple flowers. A beautiful variety is also shown in our full page plate, viz., *C. Paniculata*, taken from a photograph of a vine only five months planted. The flowers are pure white and sweet-scented, borne in long panicles, and appear in August.

In some future article we may be able to give fresh illustrations of some of the numerous other creepers within reach,

This picture shows the bush in full bloom, as it appeared early in June, 1897. Of all spiræas this one is, perhaps, the most satisfactory for lawn effects, where pure white color is needed. Some have used it as a hedge plant with excellent results, as it bears the shears well, but of course it would be for ornament only.

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FIG. 1239.—ENTRANCE TO A GARDEN IN NIJNI-NOVGOROD, RUSSIA.

as, for example, *Akebia quinata*, Japan ivy, Hall's honey-suckle, English ivy, etc.; also, of some of the many interesting native exotic shrubs suitable for the lawn. We have before us an excellent photograph by Miss Brodie, of *Spiræa Van Houtti*, which is worthy of a general introduction to our readers, because it is hardy, a free grower, and so easily propagated that if you have one bush you can soon have an abundant supply.

we have drawn attention to the importance of the Approach in laying out the grounds surrounding a house that has any pretensions to elegance. In such a case it should not be too nearly in front of the house but so much to one side as may be convenient in order to give a fine sweep of carriage road up to the door, and to allow of such planting as will hide the beauties of the lawn within, and house front, until the entrance at least has been made. A beautiful example of this is