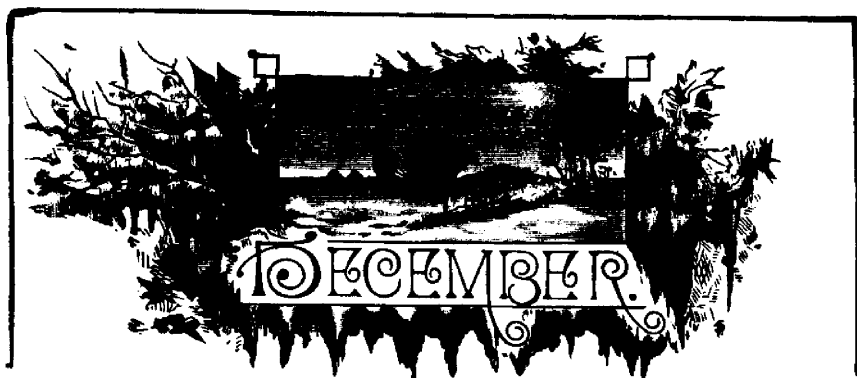


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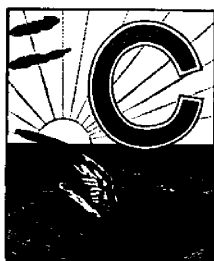
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HALL'S JAPAN HONEYSUCKLE.



CLIMBING plants about the house and lawn are only appreciated by a few. The naked pillars of porches of many houses contrast very unfavorably with the beautifully draped verandahs and walls of those few which have been clothed with nature's own costume. Not so great is the contrast between a drawing room hung with beautiful curtains and one entirely bare of drapery. Even the trunks of old trees may be festooned with elegant creepers, and old posts may be transformed into superb pillars. We have in mind a telephone post which gave offence to the near residents when first set, but which could not now be removed with their consent. Nature has robed it from pedestal to capital with the Virginia creeper, which is beautiful at all seasons, and, in the autumn, takes on gorgeous hues, which are the admiration of all passers-by. This creeper is a native of Ontario and may easily be transplanted to the garden. Besides, we have many others growing wild, which, without expense, might be made to adorn our homes, as, the climbing bitter-sweet, the wild frost grape and two species of climbing honeysuckles. These are *Lonicera parviflora*, or Small Honeysuckle, which has a yellowish purple corolla, and is found on mossy banks; and *L. Hirsuta*, or Hairy Honeysuckle, which has a greenish yellow corolla and is found in damp thickets.

In a paper read before the Massachusetts Horticultural Society by John G. Barker, we find the following interesting reference to this class of plants :