

A TOWN RESIDENCE.

PORT HOPE with its diversity of hill and dale, its meandering stream and its inclining streets with their wealth of shade trees on either side, has many fine residences and grounds. One of the most attractive of these, and the most observed, perhaps, because situated on the main street of the town, and only three minutes' walk from the central business portion, is the residence of H. H. Burnham, Esq., the President of the Port Hope Horticultural Society.

Because so situated, the grounds, though by no means contracted, are not so extensive as they would have been had they been more suburban, but the best has been made of every yard of space. In fact, Mrs. Burnham, to whose fine taste, artistic skill, assidu-

ous attention, and passionate love of flowers the grounds and house surroundings owe their beauty, has successfully solved the problem of garden decoration. By a well planned arrangement of walks, terraces, lawn space, parterres, and statuary—here a group of cacti, there a mass of bloom, here a creeper, there a climber, here wild bushes and a bank of ferns, there well trimmed shrubs, here a basket, there a vase, and taste and beauty everywhere—this villa attracts the attention and delights the eye of every passer-by. Seen by hundreds every day it no doubt exerts a silent influence in the interests of horticulture, which it would be hard to over-estimate.

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PRINCIPLES OF PRUNING SHRUBS

AS FORMULATED BY MR. CHARLES BALTET.

1.—Prune when dormant plants of those species which flower during the growing season on the young, herbaceous shoots. This is Winter Pruning, or Dry Pruning.

2.—Prune in full growth, as soon as the flowering period ends, the plants of those species which, when the sap starts, expand their flowers on the branches of the year or older ones. This is Summer Pruning, or Green Pruning.

In both cases the desired end is that the floral elements shall come well constituted at the blooming epoch. Summer pinching or shortening strengthens, or causes to branch, the long shoots which should flower in winter or the following spring, and thus increase the show of flowers.

Pruning is long when more wood is left on the plant, short when more is cut away, combined if the two operations are applied at the time on the same shrub, a system preferable to alternating.

Without rules to follow, long pruning or the absence of pruning should be preferable to exaggerated mutilations. Everywhere and always the trimming of trees and shrubs is recommended by thinning the branches that grow too dense, their rejuvenation by the suppression of old, sterile, wornout stems, and replacing them with vigorous shoots, and, finally, the cares of neatness, clearing away scaly or mossy bark, the suppression of dead wood, broken pieces, suckers and the withered remains of flowers.