



SERVICE-BERRY—*Amelanchier alnifolia*.

with the bloom of the nearer fields and casting softness of plummy mist along their surfaces [far away; mysterious evermore, not only with dew in the morning, or mirage at noon, but with the shaking threads of fine arborescence, each a little belfry of grain-bells, all a-chime.

• "Gather a single blade of grass, and

examine for a minute quietly its narrow sword-shaped strip of fluted green. Nothing, as it seems, there of notable goodness or beauty. A very little strength and a very little tallness, and a few delicate long lines meeting in a point,—not a perfect point neither, but blunt and unfinished, by no means a creditable or apparently much-cared-