

oaks, etc., have a place in our assortment. Each have their admirers, and justly too. But above and beyond them all there is no single tree in the writer's estimation can compare with the hardy, graceful, drooping form, of the Cut Leaved Weeping Birch. As this, very general favorite, received its due mead of praise from the veteran horticulturists, Simon Roy and P. E. Bucke, in former pages

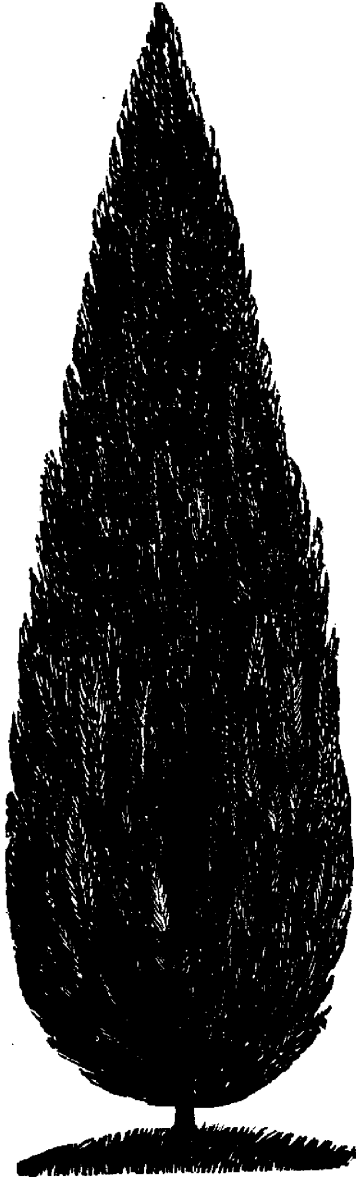


FIG. 93.—IRISH JUNIPER.

of this journal, any further comments by me upon the same would be superfluous, saving perhaps one, and that is, that there is surely good grounds for entertaining the hope that ere long this useful and elegant tree will find a place on every well kept lawn, seeing the first cost would rarely exceed the price of half a dozen imported Havanas. Amongst the "departed," which found our soil and rigid winter clime uncongenial to their longevity, may be mentioned the Purple Leaved Beech, Golden Chain (Laburnum), Double White Thorn, and Kilmarnock Weeping Willow. Some of these may be replaced for another trial. Nothing adds more to the comfort and beauty of our rural homes, than a select variety of evergreens. A row of Norway spruces, planted so as to form a pleasing and effective wind break along three out of the four points of a fruit enclosure, leaving the southern exposure free, to fan at will the genial health-giving rays of summer, lends enchantment to the aspect, and adds considerably to the profit side of the ledger. Balsam fir, red cedar, hemlock, Scotch and Austrian pine, dovetailed with dwarf, pyramidalis, Siberian and heath-leaved arbor vitæ, including mountain pine and Irish junipers, in all their varied hues, impart in an eminent degree a truly fascinating effect to the surroundings.

No doubt this amateur sketch would partly fail in its object if a few of the matchless gems amongst our deciduous shrubs were denied a setting in Nature's floral casket. Who that has once seen them in their beauty of bud and blossom would willingly be without *Prunus Triloba*, *Weigela Rosea*, *Deutzia*