

SAMBUOUS—Elder.

An ornamental race of plants, most of which are adapted to cold climates.

S. NIGRA.—We find this as a small or even medium-sized tree in the milder parts of Europe. It has been grown at St. Petersburg, but is tender there. The *S. nigra incisa* which we saw at Prague and similar climates is a very dark, yet feathery cut-leaved shrub of great beauty. I think this is the *Nigra laciniata* of the nurseries at Riga, which is fairly hardy there.

S. RACEMOSA.—The *red berried Elder* is the favorite shrub in Russia; more widely planted than any other, except the Caragana; more common than the Mountain Ash, or any other tree bearing ornamental fruit. In the North it bears its clusters of bright red berries in profusion, and decorates the roadsides and gardens, where it is planted. The *S. racemosa seratifolia* is a beautiful cut-leaved variety of it; fairly hardy at Riga, nearly hardy at St. Petersburg. There is also a variety *Plumosa* much like it, and about as hardy at Riga.

SORBUS—Mountain Ash.

As we journeyed from Proskau to Riga, during the first week in August, the Mountain Ash everywhere were full of clusters of bright red berries. This eastern form is not as straight and smooth a grower as the ordinary forms from Western Europe, yet this seems to fruit more heavily, but here is the point, it colors its fruit a month earlier.

TAMARIX—Tamarisk.

This is a beautiful feathery shrub, unlike any other. I was always making enquiries to see if we could not find a really hardy species. The *T. tetandra* is a native of the Altai Mountains, yet needs shelter at St. Petersburg. *Dahurica* is very light in color, and very feathery. Mr. Goegginger, at Riga, finds it a little hardier than *Gallica* or *tetandra*. *Gallica* seems to differ much in hardiness. In the Botanic Garden at Moscow it is said to be seldom