

fruit in September so badly that they had all to be cut off, and as a result, the following season I had a magnificent growth of young wood, and now I have a splendid tree with all the vigor of youth."

The writer remarked that he had practised shortening back his peach trees for twenty five years, and always found increased vigor as a result. He had noticed the Essex peach growers going over their orchards in July with their pruning shears, and cutting back the young wood at that time. They claimed that they could thus accomplish a double purpose, first, the shortening back of the wood growth and so keeping it more in bush form, and, secondly, thinning out the young fruit which was then well formed and set.

Climbers. After Mr. L. Woolverton's paper on the Garden and Lawn, the discussion turned upon the best climbing vines for the verandah. He instanced the Virginia Creeper as one of the most vigorous and satisfactory for old houses, when it was desirable to cover up as much as possible, and to afford dense foliage; but to his taste it was too rampant for a good house, it covered everything, and although very pretty in autumn with its colored foliage, it was of late years badly infested with a sort of thrip, which was very objectionable, and rendered the foliage unsightly in summer time. He commended the *Akebia Quinata* as a most excellent climber. It was a little slower in growth, and its flowers were very small and inconspicuous, but after a few years it became quite vigorous, and the foliage was

of a beautiful dark, glossy, green color. It was hardy in the region of the peach. For stone or brick walls no climber equalled the Japan Ivy. Hall's Honeysuckle was another climber which he preferred to the Virginia Creeper, it was not a very strong grower, but it was almost evergreen, and very pretty. Clematis Virginiana was a very hardy climber, which he had found away north in Algoma growing wild, but it was rather too vigorous; and required too much attention to keep it within bounds. *C. Jackmanni* and *C. Coccinea* were two of the finest ornamental kinds, but the wood of those was renewed every spring from the root.

"I think," said Mrs. A. G. Pettit, "that the *Coclea scandens* is the best annual climber. It was given the members of our society last year and everyone was delighted with it."

"I think," said Mrs. J. W. G. Nelles, "that the *Wistaria*, given by our Society two years ago, is a most satisfactory climber. A vine several years old in a neighbor's house produces great bunches of beautiful flowers every year."

A Song.—A pleasing feature of the evening was the singing of Annie Laurie by Mrs. Dr. Clark of Hamilton. This old song was rendered so beautifully that everyone was charmed with it.

We commend monthly house meetings to all our affiliated Societies as one of the most delightful ways of increasing the interest in their work, and at the same time giving the members both pleasure and profit.

Peach Curl is caused by a fungus, *Excus deformans*, a fungus which is much more serious if rains or cold weather prevail at the time the trees are leafing out.

The efficiency of sprays in checking the curl is due to the fact that the spread of this fungus is due to the spores, and not to a perennial mycelium, as was at first supposed.