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HYDRANGEA PANICULATA GRANDIFLORA.

A SHRUB that carries so grand a name as this one must surely be of some importance, judging merely from its high sounding title. But great names are so frequently employed now-a-days to help the sale of some novelty, that we often regard them with suspicion until we have proved the plant itself upon our own grounds.

This shrub, however, has been well tested in Ontario. Some years ago it was distributed by our association among its members, and has proved itself perfectly hardy. We speak not only from our own experience at Grimsby, but would also cite the authority of Mr. Jas. Goldie, of Guelph, who says that it has stood a winter temperature there of 40 degrees below zero, and

has come out perfectly unharmed. This is very remarkable because the other varieties of *Hydrangea*, such as *Thos. Hogg*, *Otaksa*, *Hortensia*, etc., though most beautiful in flower are too tender for out-door planting in Canada; even the wild *Hydrangea*, (*H. arborescens*) is only found in Pennsylvania and southward.

Our colored plate well represents one of these flowering shrubs in full bloom. The immense panicles of bloom are made up of hundreds of small blossoms such as is shown to the left hand, and these continue growing and developing for six weeks or more, changing gradually from ivory white to pinkish white. The late flowers dry up, and take on a rich brown color, when they are desirable for winter bouquets.

The *Hydrangea* is very susceptible