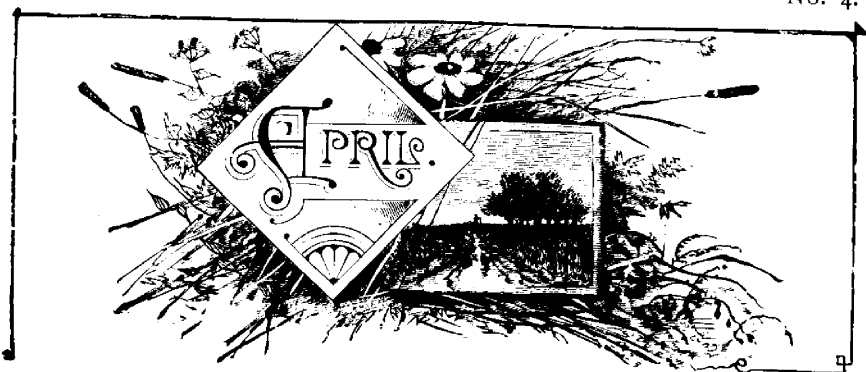


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HOME OF MR. JOHN HAYDEN, COBOURG.



AMONG the photographs which we have received in response to our request, is a fine view of an interesting house in Cobourg. It takes many years, and much taste, to make a beautiful picture with lawn and trees about a house, but this our friend Mr. John Hayden, has well succeeded in doing. What a grand lawn tree that old locust is after all, despite its rough bark and brittle limbs; it towers up to such a lofty height, its foliage is so graceful, and yet so open, only half hiding objects beyond. Then the drapery of the house, formed by festoons of climbing vines almost meeting the shrubs at the base of the veranda, is in good taste; for to hide the house foundations completely with shrubbery so that the house and the lawn seem in a manner to be a unit, is in accordance with the principles of landscape art.

Respecting his yard decorations, Mr. Hayden writes: The Meerscham vine on the gable was given me by the late Mr. Hume, father of John Hume, Esq., of Port Hope, some 25 years ago. It is

much admired; also the Virginia creeper on the corner. In shrubs we have honey suckles. The trees are locusts, chestnuts, elm, mountain ash, and spruce. As you only see part of the lawn in the photo, there are numerous beds of flowers, such as geraniums, fuchsias, marsh mallows, pansies, carnations, all in separate beds. There is also a long bed of choice roses, over 12 varieties, from Webster Bros., Hamilton. I have a grapery with five varieties of choice grapes, viz.: Black Hamburg, Muscat Hamburg, Bucklands Sweet, Sweet Water, Rose Chasselas, all of which have bore well for the last 20 years. I had the vines from Ellwanger & Barry, of Rochester; they yield very fine fruit, which has been distributed freely among sick people.

The small greenhouse shown is larger than it appears; there are some 200 pots of all kinds of house plants, palms, etc. It is a source of pleasure, especially in the winter. My experience is this; to be successful with flowers, you have to love them. My wife attends to the flowers; we are both amateurs.

Now, my vegetable garden is not