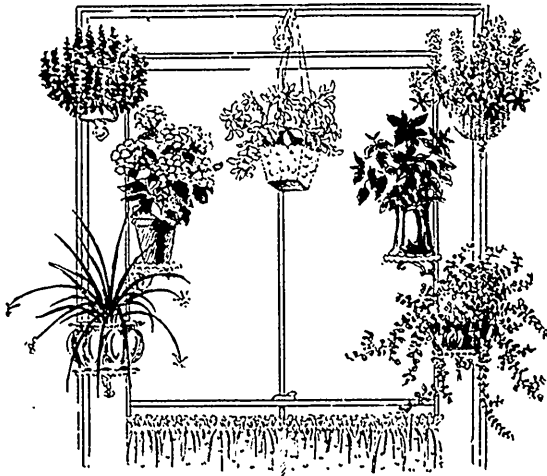


## House Furnishing and Decoration.

It is at this season that the plants and flowers which have so beautifully adorned the garden during the Summer are removed from their beds, put into pots and jardinières and brought within the shelter of the house, where the penetrating Autumn winds will not destroy their exquisite charms. It is always a puzzling question where to arrange them advantageously and with artistic effect, and suggestions offered along these lines will be of greatest interest and importance to the possessor of these choice gifts of Nature. A delightfully cosy air is given to the house by these decorations, and surely in the dull days when it is gloomy outside it is most essential to add as much cheer inside as possible. Natural ingenuity, with a little aid from a carpenter who can easily produce the necessary fittings, brackets, etc., to hold the flower-pots and baskets, will produce a variety of satisfactory results.

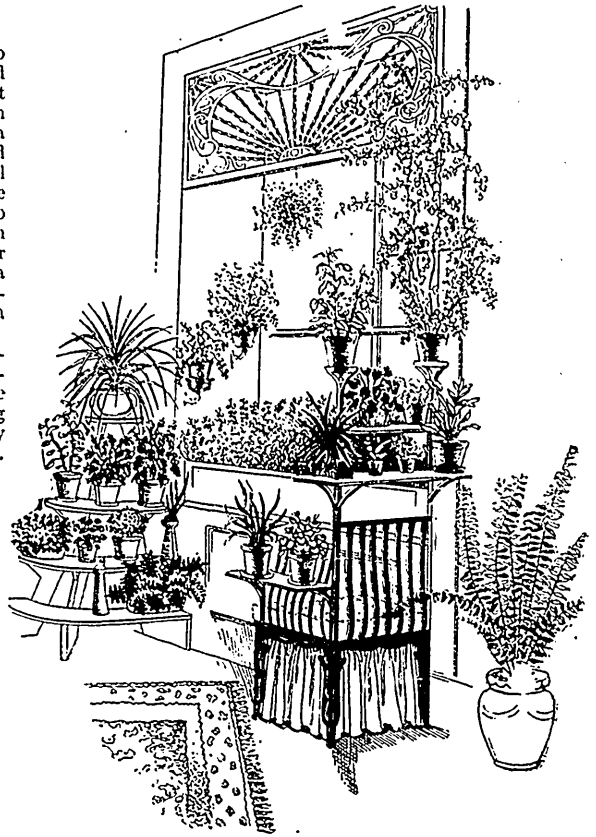
A charming arrangement for the upper part of a large window is shown in the first illustration. Brackets with projecting arms are placed on each side of the window frame, while one is at the top just in the center. A fancy basket holding some favorite flower is hung on this center bracket, while lovely plants grow in the other daintily designed jardinières and pots.



This simple disposal of choice plants is most effective and is quite easily achieved by home talent.

The second picture shows a more elaborate arrangement, and where there is sufficient room it will be found most attractive. The dining or sitting-room will be greatly beautified by such a distribution of foliage. A fitting supplying a window-seat and shelves is placed at one side of the deep window, while on the other side is a stand to hold numerous plants, etc. In the window recess a box is built in which some little rapidly growing plant or vine may grow. The grille over the window gives a pleasing effect, and, if desired, a vine may be trained to run up to and in and out the ornamentation. A cushion and deep valance of Liberty print, imported cretonne or denim will be appropriate for upholstering the little seat. A large jardinière holding a beautiful fern is placed just behind the window-seat. This arrangement will be especially suitable for a conservatory which is built artistically and with the idea of serving as a sitting-room. Rugs may be spread upon the hard-wood floor, and a decided air of comfort will pervade the whole apartment.

The last illustration shows a very artistic screen especially constructed to hold flower-pots. Any carpenter will be able to make this screen, its chief requirement being strength. In the center, at the lower part, is placed a basket holding a large receptacle in which a beautiful vine is growing. The vine is trained in an attractive manner on the wires which form a part of the screen. On each side of the screen are shelves or supports for the flower-pots, and the top is arranged in a similar



manner. This decorative feature may be placed in some corner of the conservatory with pleasing effect. A variety of flowers and plants may be placed on this odd stand, and the result will be charming. Each of these flower-pots is set in a plate to



prevent any damage when the flowers are watered. The greatest care must be given foliage which is wintered indoor-, in order to keep it fresh and full of life.