

tive than that well-known sort. It is also said to be a better keeper, but I do not find it to be any improvement in this respect. Its flesh is lighter in color than the Hubbard, and is of excellent flavor, sweet and dry, and is a very desirable variety.

The *Butman* resembles the Hubbard in size, but can be readily recognized from all other sorts by its bright-green color, being occasionally striped with white. It has a thick shell and cream-colored flesh. Its flavor differs from all other varieties and is dry and sweet.

The *Boston Marrow* is very highly esteemed by some, and is the most popular kind in the Boston markets. The flesh is of a deep orange color, and is finely flavored.—CHAS. E. PARNELL, in *American Garden*.

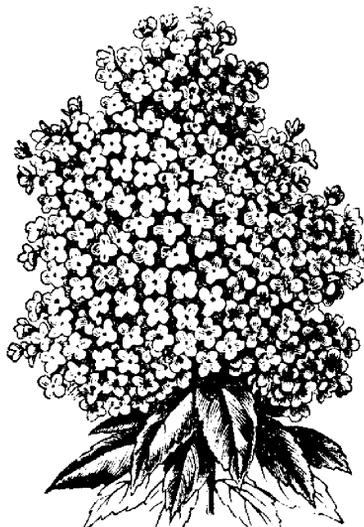
#### ORNAMENTAL SHRUBS.

The proper selection of the kinds of shrubs best suited to the extent and general character of our lawns is always a matter of importance, and, even after a judicious choice has been made, the requirements of each kind should be regarded in planting. To obtain success, precaution must be taken as to their adaptability to soil, and that the more tender ones be placed in sheltered positions. Shrubs may flourish and be perfectly hardy on one spot, while but a short distance off they will prove a failure. The soil must be thoroughly drained and the wood well ripened, or else the shrubs will not stand the winter.

The Massachusetts Horticultural Society during the past year devoted several meetings to the discussion of this important subject, and the list below comprises the species most highly recommended by members of the Society.

*Hydrangea paniculata grandiflora*, though introduced here over a quarter of a century ago, and one of our most

beautiful and desirable shrubs, has not been cultivated to any extent until a few years ago. The plant is perfectly hardy, and requires no care other than that bestowed upon our finer varieties



HYDRANGEA PANICULATA FLOWER-SPIKE.

of flowering shrubs. *Hydrangea paniculata*, of which *grandiflora* is a variety, has a finer foliage, is more graceful, and quite as hardy. Whether grown singly or in groups, the *Hydrangea* represents all that is grandest in a shrub, as *Exochorda grandiflora* does all that is most beautiful. To these may be added a third.

*Viburnum plicatum*, introduced into this country some thirty years ago, and, though neglected at that time, has recently taken its place among our handsomest shrubs. It resembles the common Snowball, but is much more delicate. It produces large trusses of pure white flowers in great profusion. The trusses are very compact and the individual flowers have great substance. It is not as common as the *Hydrangea*, being of slower growth and more difficult to propagate.