

The building is a brick structure, faces east, and has in front an acre of ground in the form of a square. A broad walk extends from the front door half way down and then branches diagonally to each corner. From each side of the front door a walk extends around the building.

The first thing was to secure some trees. Native trees from the neighboring woods are far better than any procurable from any nursery. They are more hardy, grow better, last longer. One can select trees of good form. They can be transplanted promptly and carefully; hence trees very much larger than those from the nursery may be safely taken. Thus at least five years' growth may be saved in the hard wood trees, and the desired beauty and utility secured that much earlier. Our three favorites are the elm, the hard maple, and the linden. Each has naturally a handsome shape as well as beautiful foliage. About a dozen trees furnish all the shade we need, without injuring the grass.

The beauty of the sod must be preserved, for it is the real setting of the whole. How to secure a good lawn can be learned from any book on gardening, or from some friend who has had experience in this line. A thin coating of land plaster each spring many times repays its costs by the increased richness of coloring and rapidity of growth quickly seen in the velvety carpet.

A hedge of arbor vitæ runs from each corner of the building to the fence, and thus shuts off the back yard. The north wing of the building is set some twelve feet back from the front line of the main part. This left a triangular piece of ground between the building and the walk. The angle formed by the building is just north of the tower. In this shady corner we made a rockery of spar and marble chips, which we filled with ferns from the woods. A bed of fuchsias with a border of sweet alyssum around the base looks very pretty against the green and white back-ground. Near the centre of the triangle is a small round bed of choice pansies or tea roses. Planted near the rockery and close to the wall is a Virginia creeper which reaches now nearly to the eaves and forms for six months in each year a very pretty drapery of foliage. A Queen of the Prairie rose near it is nearly twenty feet in height, and bore last summer more than five hun-