

to handle their crop when the vineyard comes into bearing.

The raisin industry is as yet in its infancy on this coast, and the yield this season is estimated at 125,000 boxes. California raisins have been brought into competition in the eastern cities with the imported article, and have stood the test, both as regards quality and price, and that, too, at very satisfactory figures to the producer.—*Farm and Garden*.

VINES FOR WINDOWS.

I am often asked to recommend some vines for use in the house, and generally the person making the inquiry



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wants something of rapid growth. If I were asked to say what vine I considered best of all, I should unhesitatingly name the English Ivy, but in many instances it grows slowly, and therefore does not meet the wants of such persons as do not like to wait for effect. One of the best rapid-growing vines I have found to be *Cobea scandens* variegata. This vine has very pretty foliage of a pale green, distinctly marked with white. It grows "like a weed," and will soon fill a window. It bears very pretty purplish blossoms of a bell shape, but its foliage is more ornamental than its flowers are.

It is much more robust and healthy

than most variegated plants are; indeed it seems to be as strong and vigorous as the Madeira vine which is about as healthy a plant as I know of, and which never gives up to anything short of a frost. This Madeira vine is excellent for screens before a window, and can be trained on strings in any desired way. It is almost as well adapted to growing in shade as the Ivy is. It is really a summer plant, but I generally grow a root or two in a pot, and I have no difficulty in keeping it in growth through the winter, by cutting it back well in fall, and giving it fresh earth. It is like the Calla in this respect; it will rest if you want it to, or it will keep on growing the year round. It has little clusters or spikes of fringing white flowers, having a pleasant fragrance and being quite attractive, but its shining, dark-green, waxy leaves are attractive enough to make it a favorite.

Pilogyne suavis is another very satisfactory climbing plant of comparatively recent introduction. It has leaves shaped something like the Ivy, but of a lighter green. It climbs strings, wires or sticks equally well, and holds itself up tenaciously by means of its many grape-like tendrils. It is a very rapid grower, and must become a general favorite as soon as its merits are known. — C. E. REXFORD, in *Farm and Garden*.

TREES WITH COLORED FOLIAGE.

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Some trees have remarkably distinct and showy foliage, and are therefore peculiarly valuable for planting singly or in groups. The purple Beech, with its rich purple leaves, is unequalled among trees of its color. Schwedler's Maple, a new variety of the Norway, with purple foliage, is a charming tree, and promises to occupy a high place among purple-leaved trees. It is perfectly hardy, healthy, and vigorous. The blood-leaved Peach has beautiful crim-