



FIG. 1978. "TERRACES AND STAIRWAYS."
ITALIAN GARDEN NEAR ROME.

grown. It has a nice yellow flower, very like the sunflower, and its roots make one of the best vegetable products that we have. Once put them in and they are so prolific that you will never be able to get rid of them should you want to do so. Freezing does them no harm, and if cooked for a long while their flavor is almost unsurpassed. Used raw they are an exceedingly economical food for hogs. The asparagus will be most ornamental if the stalks are allowed to grow the latter part of the season, though the yield of the bed next year will not be as good. Grape vines are a very taking ornament for the walls of a house.

Another line along which we might work is that of economy of labor. Let us not go on planting annuals year after year where perennials will do. Nor let us buy foreign novelties where native trees and plants would be better. The catalpa tree is being widely planted now, but although its leaves and blossoms are beautiful, it is until the beginning of July an unsightly stick in the garden. Our native elm has much more graceful lines, and the scarlet maple and the mountain ash give finer color effects. The most satisfactory shrubs for the garden are the old favorites. The Forsythias are especially desirable on account of their early bloom. The Japan quince, Tartarian honeysuckle, Thunburg's barberry, are all good shrubs. We would call attention to the variegated elder, with its white and green leaves, as being perhaps the most elegant of all our shrubs. It is hardy, and can be had at a very low price. Wild flowers can be obtained by any one, and coming into flower a little earlier in the garden than they do in the woods, give pleasure in the first spring days. Large clumps of red and white trilliums are very effective if grown side by side.

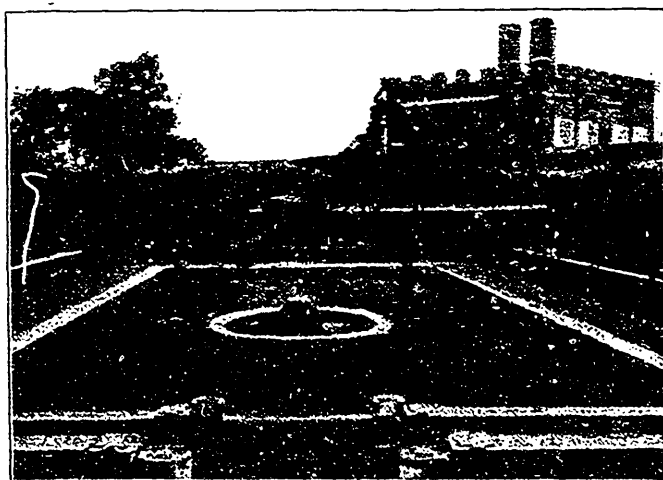


FIG. 1979. "FORMAL GARDEN."
GARDEN AT HAMPTON COURT, ENGLAND.