

The People of Montreal Have a Fondness for Country Homes



This Beautiful House in a Beautiful Setting, near St. Agathe, P.Q., is Built of Peeled Log. It is a Roomy Building, Fifty Feet Long and Forty Feet Deep. It was Built for Mr. E. R. Carrington, Montreal, from his Own Plans.

hang some weeks in good condition, and are red in colour, foliage silver-hued, clean and fine. We advise all who desire a novelty in the line of hardy shrubs to add *Elæagnus Longipes* to their collection."

Continuing the list there are the silver-leaved and the golden-leaved *Kerria*, Purple-leaved Plum (*Prunus Pissardi*), Golden *Spiræa* (*Foliis Aureis*), Golden-leaved *Syringa* or *Philadelphus*, and the variegated *Weigela*, also known as *Diervillas*. These are shrubs, and wherever used, group them to obtain the full value of their distinctive leaf-colouring.

A Shrub for all Gardens.

A SHRUB of impressive beauty bears the name of *Hydrangea paniculata grandiflora*. The writer saw it in the garden of Kirkfield House, and never more in harmony with the lawn and firs surrounding it. This *Hydrangea* should be planted with no niggardly hand. It spreads out nobly, hiding nothing of its leafy charm and those big panicles of flowers opening white but turning in this land to shades of pink and rose, just as if a bit of the sunset had dabbed the once creamy white petals.

There seems a mingling of leaf and flower grandeur and when frosts have touched the earth it still remains a few days longer, the last flowering shrub of autumn days.

The Tartarian Honeysuckle as a Hedge.

LONICERA tatarica is one of the best known of spring flowering shrubs, its wealth of pink blossom and grey leaves making a subtle contrast, but it may be put to a good use apart from its advantages in the shrubbery, and that is, as a hedge. An author of acknowledged authority says of it: "Ornamental hedges depend for their beauty on more or less neglect. That is, if made of bushes, they must be allowed to follow natural outlines with considerable irregularity. The Tartarian Honeysuckle is, however, specially excellent for keeping a good form and enduring pruning. You may top off branches that over-reach you or you may cut a whole side back without materially damaging the hedge. Indeed, I cannot say too much for this admirable shrub. It is very close growing, and makes new shoots so quickly that a clipping does not long remain unpleasantly formal.

"In general that which we wish of an ordinary

hedge we do not wish of a hedge planted only for ornament; that is, we do not require exact lines and precision of growth. But where approximate accuracy and formality are needed, the Tartarian Honeysuckle is above all others, the plant that you need."

The Lawn.

A GARDEN without a lawn is as unsatisfactory as a nut without a kernel. It is not possible for everyone to have one of those cool, comforting spaces of rich green grass that we call the "lawn," but where such a feature does exist then take care of it at this season, and the quicker the work is done, the better. Give the lawn a good coating of well decayed manure, which will promote thick growth in spring, washing nutriment to the roots. Many artificial fertilizers are to be obtained and these have a beneficial influence on the grass, but the writer has a warm faith in the manure.

A lawn must be well kept, otherwise it will destroy the beauty of the whole garden, to say nothing of the house itself. Where grass is played upon hard during the summer the care of it in the late autumn is the more imperative.

Borders of One Flower.

THE fall is the season for making alterations in the garden, and in established estates there are many opportunities of adding little pictures—a walk of Peonies shadowed over by woodland, Asters, as explained in the October supplement, and Delphiniums, each flower separate and placed so as to bring out its beauty of growth and colour.

This recalls the walks of one flower in what we may call the "reserve garden"; the place where plants are grown for cutting alone to prevent interference with those in the borders. From this reserve handfuls may be gathered for the adornment of the home or to give to friends.

Sunflowers, Annual and Perennial.

A BEAUTIFUL group of garden flowers consists of the sunflowers—annual and perennial. The seed of the former must be sown in spring and tufts of the latter planted now, though there is not a moment to lose. The writer has mentioned before that for the small garden and larger places the free and graceful perennial Sunflowers are of the greatest value. Several varieties conspicuous for charm of growth and flower have been raised within recent years.

Perennial Sunflowers are conspicuous for the most part for their tall, willowy stems of yellow flowers, and they are so robust that the roots run here, there, and everywhere, leaving one spot when the soil is exhausted to find fresh pasture. Some are more aggressive than others. The common kind is *Helianthus Multiflorus*, which has long remained a good border flower, and its variety, *Fl. Pleno*, which has quite double flowers, is as well known. These are not so willowy as *H. Decapetalus*, *H. Giganteus*, *H. Lætiflorus*, *H. Orygalis*, a very graceful and beautiful flower, and *H. Rigidus* (Miss Mellish); the last named is strong, leafy, with large, yellow flowers, and about six feet in height. This type of Sunflower may be made excellent use of for planting against ugly corners where more delicate flowers would fail. They increase rapidly, small bits soon becoming large, unruly masses, when division must be resorted to.

THE KING'S NEW FARM



The King has Just Purchased Shernborne Hall Farm, near Sandringham. The Farm Consists of About Seven Hundred Acres of Land which has Mostly Been Used for Barley. By Acquiring this Property the King has Become Possessed of the Entire Parish of Shernborne, and Sandringham is now Practically Surrounded by Land Owned by His Majesty.