



FIG. 1399 --RESIDENCE OF MR. T. H. PARKER.

Parker has always excelled, and even in competition with professional gardeners, he has many times secured the first prizes at the Provincial and other exhibitions. At the World's Fair in 1876, he secured a bronze medal and diploma for fruit. He also succeeded in the same at the Intercolonial in London, England, and many other places testify, in medals and diplomas, to his skill. Our local exhibitions would seem incomplete without a display of grapes from the green-

house and out-door vines of T. H. Parker. In the vegetable garden his success has been also marked, especially in early potatoes, which for many years he succeeded in having first.

Though bordering on the three-score-and-ten limit, Mr. Parker is still deeply interested in Horticulture, holds a seat at the board of the local society and takes part at all its meetings.

CALIFORNIA CHERRIES — These are among the most tempting fruits now displayed in our markets. They are seen on every fruit stand, as well as in the fancy fruit stores, and many of the push-carts are loaded with them exclusively. They are very large, packed in flat cases in regular rows, not a stem in sight, though the cherries are picked with the stems on. The very attractive appearance is enough to sell them. The push-cart men sell these cherries for five cents

per one half pound, and each displays a large sign to that effect; but I have noticed that many of them have it all in large letters but the $\frac{1}{2}$, so that any one reading a little carelessly might get the idea that the cherries are five cents a pound. This is a familiar trick of these fellows. As they sell for about the regular wholesale price, it is probable that they get their profit by giving short weight.—R. N. Y.