

their peculiar color all through the season. It is a variety of the Royal Oak of England.

Also a variety of the Norway Maple known as Schwedler's, whose young shoots are of a bright, almost crimson color. The foliage becomes darker with age, until in the autumn it assumes a purplish green.

But it was our intention to bring to the notice of planters a tree of yet more recent introduction, known as the Purple-leaved Plum. Our colored plate is a very good representation of its foliage. We imported a few trees of it a short time ago from Europe, and have been much pleased with its behavior. It has been perfectly at home in our climate, and made a good healthy growth. Although it has flowered twice, no fruit was formed. We learn from the *Rural New-Yorker* that it has fruited in the grounds of P. J. Berckmans, of Georgia; that the fruit is of the myrobolan order, of the color of the Acme tomato, firm in flesh, moderately acid, but not of high flavor. In the early spring the leaves are of a beautiful rosy purple; these change, as the season advances, to a deep purple, and afterward to a greenish purple, and finally to a bronzy green; but the young shoots during the season of growth are of the rosy purple of early spring, thus giving to the tree a most pleasing variety of coloring during all the summer months.

HARDY LILIES.—C. E. K., of Little Rock, Arkansas, asks about Lilies suited to the open garden, and as I have had large experience with all the various species of the Lily family, I answer, that *L. Thunbergianum*, in its many varieties, from chocolate to lemon in color, will be found the hardiest and surest to bloom of all Lilies, and they are very beautiful, too. They are as hardy and as sure to bloom as Tulips.—G. B. W., in *Vick's Magazine*.

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