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THE WISTARIA.

This is one of the beautiful twining shrubs which has been brought out of nature's wilds, and which, planted in our gardens and about our dwellings, has taken kindly to its new surroundings. It is found both in Asia and America, in temperate latitudes. The American species, *Wistaria frutescens*, is found in moist soils in the Virginias, Carolinas and Southern Illinois. The Asiatic is found in China and Japan, and is known as the *Wistaria Sinensis*. The American species blooms from July to September; the flowers are pea-shape, borne in terminal racemes, of a bluish-purple color, and pleasantly scented. The Asiatic was brought from China to England in 1816, and from England to America. It climbs very rapidly, and will soon cover a very large space. Mr. Fortune mentions a famous patriarch which he saw in Japan. The trunk measured seven feet in circumference at three feet from the ground, and the branches covered a trellis sixty by a hundred feet. Many thousands of its long racemes of purplish flowers were hanging in graceful profusion from its branches, giving to the plant a most brilliant appearance. One of the racemes which he measured was three feet and a half in length.

There is an old hemlock tree at "Cottage Place," Germantown, Philadelphia, Penn., eighty feet in height, which is covered with a couple of Chinese *Wistarias*, the stems of which are about two feet in circumference.

It grows well in some parts of Ontario, and doubtless will in all parts where the peach can be successfully cultivated. There is a fine specimen that adorns the verandah in front of the residence of one of the members of the Fruit Growers' Association in St. Catharines, Mr. James Taylor's, which is a most beautiful object when laden with bloom. How far to the northward its successful cultivation can be carried will only be ascertained by actual trial. We look with interest