colored sapwood, and contains numerous thin medullary rays. The specific gravity of the absolutely dry wood is 0.7420, a cubic foot of the dry wood weighing 46.25 pounds.

Ilex decidua, according to Aiton, was cultivated in England by the Duke of Argyli oefore 1760. It is rarely found in gardens, and is only doubtfully hardy in New England.

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EXPLANATION OF THE PLATE.

PLATE XLIX. ILEX DECIDUA.

- 1. A flowering branch of a sterile plant, natural size.
- 2. A flowering branch of a fertile plant, natural size.
- 3. A sterile flower, enlarged.
- 4. A fertile flower, enlarged.
- 5. A branch showing the mature leaves, natural size.
- 6. A fruiting branch, natural size, the leaves just expanding.
- 7. A fruit with portions of the nutlets exposed, enlarged.
- 8. A nutlet, enlarged.