

THE SNOWDROPS.

SNOWDROPS are one of the easiest bulbs to grow. All they require is to be planted and left alone; they will grow stronger from year to year and make a fine show if planted in a mass in some corner of the lawn or amongst deciduous shrubs where hardly anything else will grow. They are also charming if planted near the house where they can be seen from the windows; in this way they can be associated with other bulbs that flower about the same time, namely the winter aconite, *Scilla siberica*, crocus and chionodoxas or planted in the hyacinth or tulip beds; in this way beds in the vicinity of the house are kept gay

a longer period, and the foliage of the snowdrops makes a nice groundwork for the hyacinths or tulips. But these early spring flowers are not much seen in gardens. They are noticeably absent from the grounds of the country homes of those who live in the city in winter, but the gardener in charge should see that there is a patch of snowdrops, for in March, when the greenhouses are full of bedding plants and flowers are scarce, a colony of snowdrops will help to swell the flower basket and may be more prized than the choicest rose or orchid the greenhouse can produce.—American Florist.

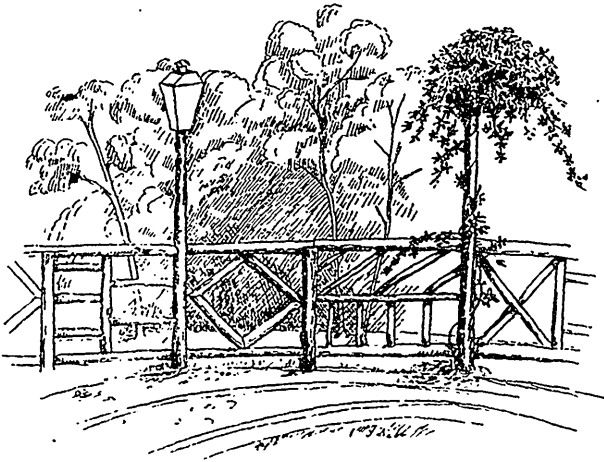


FIG. 1715.—RUSTIC LAMP POSTS AND TRELLISES.

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—In Tuxedo Park, along the drive bordering the lake, is a handsome rustic fence, of which not the least interesting feature is that at appropriate distances the posts of the fence extend above the rail several feet to form lamp rests. Our illustration presents a modified form of this method, showing how other posts

may be run up and used as trellises for clematis and other climbing vines. We don't believe in fences except as safeguards against positive danger or real encroachment, and where necessary we do believe in making them as useful or beautiful, or both, as the case will permit.—American Gardening.