



FIG. 2177. RESIDENCE OF A. K. GOODMAN.

know what; his arrival was most opportune, but our hearts failed us at the idea of getting 50 members in Cayuga. However three of us, Mr. Skeele, our president, Mr. Morson, manager of the Bank of Commerce, our treasurer, and the writer as secretary, started on the tramp—after hours. At first people laughed at us but we soon had 78 members and then everyone said "I told you so." In the spring we were impatient to see the snow go, everybody cleaned up, bonfires were general, pigpens were abolished, the cattle shut up. The Cayuga Horticultural Society was on every tongue and lazy men apologized and said "If I'd a place of my own I'd go in for flowers too." As the season opened street trees and evergreens were planted, many new gardens were made. The county council was waited upon and gave a grant of \$50 for 1901 for flowers. Governor Murphy joined forces with us and with great taste and skill directed our local florist, Slocum, to the end that gardens in our Court House park grounds of 12 acres, of great natural beauty, excited the admiration of everybody. The public, the grand jury, the county council and the visiting justices of the Supreme Court, all spoke well of the work and praised the exquisite taste of the guiding hand and the beneficial and wholesome results attained. The town council, too, gave us \$20 with which three

handsome beds were made in the town park; these were even watered and cared for voluntarily by good citizens. Our government grant was \$60. A handsome cedar hedge was donated to the High School grounds and many took advantage of the opportunity of buying choice stock at wholesale rates. Our public meeting held in the Court House was attended by an immense number; Mr. Wm. Bacon, of Orillia, the government lecturer, was simply astounded to see the life and snap exhibited by a year-old society, the floral decorations, the orchestra and the intense interest and Mr. Bacon's well-known ability made this meeting very attractive. But we have just commenced and next year is already bright with promise. Our County Council in most eulogistic terms granted us \$50 again for flowers in 1902. Our membership list is growing steadily and we look forward to a year of great improvement.

The general outside opinion is that our society has already done a great deal of good

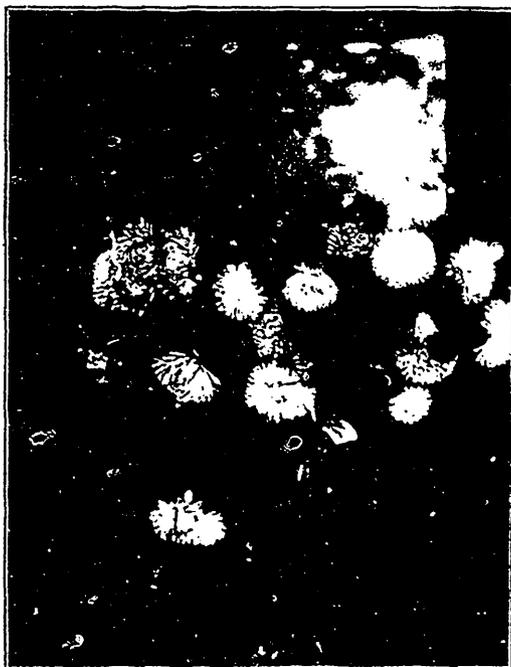


FIG. 2178. ASTERS.