

fresh, and the expense and trouble of putting them up is not great. More money is usually spent for prunes and other dried fruit during the winter in families where fruit is not put up, than it would cost to purchase jars and sugar to prepare a supply at home. The women will take care of the fruit if they only have it to take care of, and will be glad to have the chance to do so. Should more fruit be produced than the family can consume, it will meet with a ready sale at the nearest village, and usually bring the grower better returns than if sent to the overstocked markets of a large city. Sell none but the surplus.—*American Agriculturist*.

ADAM'S NEEDLE—(*Yucca filamentosa*).

Among tall growing perennial flowers the *yucca filamentosa* is conspicuous. In rich soils the stocks stand six or seven feet high, carrying hundreds of cream-colored, drooping, lily-shaped flowers. They are especially beautiful in moonlight, when they appear snow white and no imperfections can be seen. A group of them standing before a background of dark foliage is most effective.—*Philadelphia Press*.

FLOWERING DOGWOOD.

This small native tree (*Cornus florida*), grows from twelve to thirty feet high, and the flowers appearing in spring before the leaves have expanded, it becomes a conspicuous object in the margins of woods where it grows, the showy white flowers being often three or three and a half inches in diameter. What appears to be the petals are really the corolla-like involucre, the flowers themselves being in a small head within. They last long for spring blooming, often more than two weeks, and later in the season the berries are an ornament. The foliage turns to a deep red in autumn. The flowering dogwood is

valuable, as immediately following in bloom that of the magnolias, and is eminently worthy of a place in ornamental grounds.—*Country Gentleman*.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

Proceedings of the thirty-third annual meeting of the Kentucky Horticultural Society. A neat pamphlet of some eighty pages, full of horticultural information of special value to residents of that State, yet containing many suggestions very worthy of the attention of those who cultivate fruit in Ontario. One of the papers, entitled "Some things needful in Kentucky horticulture," especially that part of it which treats of "a higher order of culture among those who make it a business," contains suggestions that might well be put in practice by cultivators in any latitude.

Report of the North Carolina State Horticultural Society, 1885. S. Otter Wilson, Secretary, Vineyard, Wake Co., N.C.

Transactions of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society for the year 1885, Part II. The report of the committee on gardens is especially interesting.

The Canadian Bee Journal is published weekly by Jones, Macpherson & Co., Beeton, Ont., at one dollar a year. It is now in its second volume, which has been increased from sixteen to twenty pages. Those who are interested in bee-keeping in Ontario will find this weekly a very helpful visitor.

MINNEWASKA BLACKBERRY.—This new blackberry, not yet disseminated, I believe, has again emerged from the winter alive to the tips, here in the Hudson River Valley. This feature of hardiness has long been the pressing need of blackberry growers at the North. If with the exceptional productiveness, good size and quality so far evinced by the Minnewaska it shall continue to combine iron-clad vigor, it will be a valuable acquisition.—H. H. in *Rural New-Yorker*.