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PINEHURST'S HOME GROUNDS

Mr. Warren H. Manning Discusses Their Distinctive Individuality



"AT THE TIME of my arrival I thought this the most dismal country I had ever seen. I wondered why I had come and how quickly I could get away. That was six years ago, and I have been here ever since!"

From a lady with whom I chatted for a moment, came this same old story which we who have known Pinehurst from its earliest days have often heard. What is the charm that holds people here? What does Pinehurst's success mean? It means that the two men at the helm, one who successfully conceived, one who is successfully directing the destinies of the community, have given it great distinctions. One distinction only shall I touch upon—the home grounds.

of friends. Pinehurst home grounds, on the other hand, have individuality as I will recount, and herein lies one of their great charms:

ARBUTUS—Here is one of the largest evergreen Indian Azalea plants in the Village. It has magenta flowers of the kind that is forced into flower in the northern greenhouses in winter. Here also is a northern mock orange syringa, which is quite different from evergreen mock orange, or laurel cherry of the South, of which a good specimen is at the west end of the General Office.

ARLINGTON—A fine northern mock orange is here and a tree formed like a Chinese privet at the piazza shows the picturesque possibilities that can be developed in training this shrub. In the roadside shrub belt opposite this lot are very fine plants of the tall gall berry and the red-fruited dogberry.

BEACON—Here is one of the best Photinias, a large leaved evergreen shrub of



TYPICAL COTTAGE SHRUBBERY

I feel certain that the northern home lot of the majority of Pinehurst winter denizens is about as tame and subdued as a company of soldiers at parade. Individuality would startle the neighborhood—someone would talk. A pie shaped bed of raw dirt in winter and raw color in summer, a lonesome shrub with its head clipped off, a California privet hedge is about the limit. Some indulge in gardeners who can distort the pie shape into other shapes. Some sport a greenhouse, some a pergola, and you nearly all have a hydrangea and a crimson rambler rose, but no wild plants, not if you and your gardener know it!

Perhaps I am going back a few years too many, for it is a fact that many people have come to realize that their granddads and mas did have some sense when they not only cultivated gardens, but swapped plants and garden stories and had in abundance flowers to be picked with their own hands from their own garden, not sent from cold storage, for invalids, for friends, for weddings and to give fragrant tribute to the memory

the rose family, with white flowers and a crimson growth of new foliage in spring as brilliant as a flower. This plant particularly enjoys Pinehurst conditions.

BERKSHIRE—Here is the best common lilac group, a plant of the matrimony vine, fine Chinese wistarias, and Lawson's Cypress, the last, a cone bearing evergreen, is very attractive up to about fifteen years then begins to fail rapidly.

BEECH—Some very good upright golden bell shrubs are here.

BOWLING ALLEY—Oranges in Pinehurst are here in the best hardy orange or thorn bush, in town. Fortunately, the law of the Village prevents you from picking flowers and fruit, so you may not know how good they are.

CAROLINA—About this, the most important building, is the most notable collection of plants in the Village. In the very shady inner court are fine specimens of the evergreen Loblolly Baytree, Rhododendrons, a rare dwarf bamboo, (Bambusa ragamvuski), Ash berry or