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TOMATOES IN BLOSSOM.

All Kinds of Garden Truck Now Grown in Green-Houses at the Pinehurst Nurseries.

A PLACE WORTH VISITING.

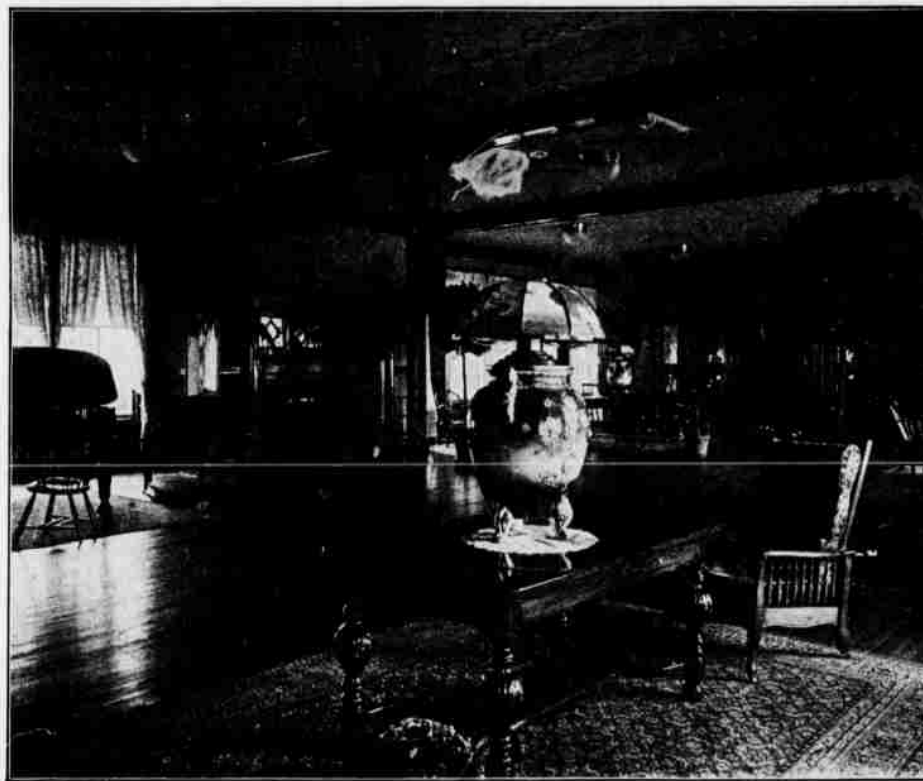
Just now one of the most interesting points in or about Pinehurst is that which marks the location of the nurseries and green-houses. About seventy-five acres of land are devoted to this purpose and the great quantity and variety of flowers, plants, shrubs, vines and trees grown and marketed from this same plot is remarkable; to say nothing of the great quantities of garden truck it produces to supply the hotels, boarding houses and cottages of the village.

The nurseries were established by Mr. James W. Tufts in 1895 for the purpose of propagating flowers and shrubbery for the lawns and park-plots of Pinehurst, which are to-day a source of pleasure and attraction to all visitors. Under the efficient management of Mr. Otto Katzenstein, the nurseries were very successful and within the past few years have developed into a distinct and prosperous individual commercial enterprise. The Pinehurst Nurseries are now famous the world over for their superior products of native North Carolina plants and shrubbery; and specimens of these products are found in nearly all the magnificent and beautiful parts of northern cities, as well as in many of those of England, France, Germany and other parts of the old world. Special attention is given to the cultivation of holly, sourwood, flowering dogwood, dwarf alder, loblolly bay, arbor vitae, and peculiarly trained dwarf fruit trees, called cordons, rare California lillies, the already famous Pinehurst violets and other herbaceous plants, roots and herbs. The one product of these nurseries though, which receives special attention above all others, is *Abies Arizona Argentea*, or silver cork fir; this spruce is generally acknowledged to be one of the choicest, if not the very finest of all conifers known to cultivation at present. The bark of trunk and branches of these trees is of a pure white or sometimes grayish color, while the silvery foliage adds to the appearance in a striking way which cannot be surpassed. The full beauty of the creamy bark is best shown in trees of four feet height and upwards, but even the smallest seedling has the magnificent silvery foliage, which makes it an object of admiration.

This beautiful specimen is obtainable only at the Pinehurst nurseries and is marketed when from nine to eighteen inches high at \$3.00 per tree. The seed alone sells for \$2.50 per ounce and the supply barely meets the demand. There are supposed to be not more one thou-

sand specimens of this tree in existence today and as a result there is a great demand for them among park and landscape gardeners. A number of very small specimens may be seen at the nurseries at any time.

But probably the most interesting thing to the casual visitor at the present time about the nurseries would be the large new green-houses, which are devoted almost exclusively to the cultivation of garden truck for winter use. This is a new departure here and already promises to be a decided success. Tomatoes are in blossom, pea-vines are from six to eight inches high, beans, mushrooms and watercresses are all growing rapidly, radishes are now ready to use and lettuce is seen at all stages of growth; some of it is ready for use now and probably being served to-day on some of the hotel tables; while in other



SOCIAL HALL OF HOTEL CAROLINA.

plots, the little seedling plants are barely large enough to be visible. This conservatory market gardening is a very expensive and very exacting business, but it has always been the policy of Mr. Tufts to provide Pinehurst with every luxury and convenience usually found in northern cities; so, to avoid the necessity of using green stuff from northern nurseries, which would necessarily suffer some damage and lose its pristine freshness in transportation, he had built these two large new green-houses.

They are each 160x23 feet in size and equipped with every up-to-date appliance for regulating temperature, ventilation, etc. They are artificially heated by hot water from a boiler in an adjoining but independent building; four thousand feet of two-inch pipe is used to distribute the heat and the combined capacity of pipe and boiler is about ten thousand gallons of water. Over the

boiler room, which is a stone vault, 22x24x10 feet, is the packing room, and above this the employes quarters, containing several large and well lighted rooms which are heated by steam. This building, with the green-houses adjoining, was completed during the past summer, and is only one of the many improvements and additions constantly being made to Pinehurst, the perennially progressive.

Just beyond these buildings may be seen a section of a pine grove which suggests the work of pre-historic mound-builders; but instead of being really ancient mounds, these elevations are only heaps of sand and pine-needles under which are buried potatoes, carrots, sweet potatoes, etc. By thus burying them in the earth, these vegetables are kept free from changes of heat or

various experimental plots, the many oddly trained dwarf fruit trees, none of them over thirty-six inches high, which have long since arrived at bearing age and suggestive of the Lilliputians by their diminutive yet powerful and sturdy appearance.

On the whole, the nurseries are more than worth a visit; they are not pretty nor especially pleasing to the eye at this time of year, (except perhaps the vegetable plots in the new green-houses) but they are, especially when one sees them under the guidance of the ever courteous Manager Katzenstein, most attractive and interesting.

AN ELOQUENT ADDRESS.

Dr. Hall Speaks Effectively and Powerfully to a Small Audience.

"Yesterday, to-day and forever," was the subject chosen by Dr. William Edwin Hall for the lecture at the Village Hall, Sunday, January 5. The title carries with it nothing absolutely definite except the eternal existence of the Saviour; the lecture, however, was not only a success, but a surprise to the hearers. Dr. Hall's philosophy and logic was evident at every turn and his able defense of the religion of God, his thorough demolition of the doctrines of Atheism won the praise of his audience. Dr. Hall is one of those gifted orators whose efforts can move an audience to tears as well as, the next moment, convulse them with laughter and at the unanimous request of Sunday night's audience he has promised to return to Pinehurst at some future date and deliver one of his celebrated week-day lectures, which promises to be a rare entertainment.

It certainly must have been a matter of great difficulty for a man of Dr. Hall's standing and ability to do himself anything like justice before so small an audience as greeted him Sunday evening, but it is hoped that when he returns the attendance will be more in keeping with the merits of the entertainer.

The management of the Village Hall has made and is making every effort to provide high-grade and pleasing attractions and it seems but fair that these efforts should be appreciated by our village people and visitors to an extent that would justify similar efforts in the future.

Mr. Bilkins—To-morrow is your birthday, my dear. Would you like a surprise?
Mrs. Bilkins—Certainly; I do wish you would get up and start the fire.—*Ohio State Journal*.

"You got a stiff neck, Ede? What's the matter?" "O, I was so careless yesterday, Lude, as to look around for work!"—*Fliegende Blaetter*.

She—"My face is my fortune." He—"Well, poverty is no disgrace."—*Puck*.