

wood property owners in beautifying lawns and grounds promises the development of some high-art landscape effects. Forms of vegetation which are most commonly found in the equatorial zone are given prominence in the designs. A number of difficult executions in curved drives and walks are also in evidence.

## **HOLLYWOOD.**

### **MAKING MANY IMPROVEMENTS.**

**HOLLYWOOD, April 24.**—[Regular Correspondence.] Building operations and landscape work are running a spirited race through the Hollywood country.

Col. R. J. Northam has let the contract for a \$7000 house on the corner of Prospect avenue and Vine street. The grounds are being laid out so as to produce some elaborate art effects. A bowling alley 60x16 feet will be a novel feature of the place. The stables in connection with the property are nearly completed at a cost of probably \$5000. Two sets of stalls are provided. While the horses are occupying the day stalls those which they have been in during the night will be thoroughly aired and renovated.

H. J. Whitley and J. W. Hoover are about to build three houses of a character in keeping with the surroundings. Mr. Polcock has a \$3000 house on Prospect avenue about completed. Mr. Earl is building a \$4000 house on Prospect avenue. Mr. Brookaw is building one on the same thoroughfare which will cost about the same amount. Mr. Denton has purchased five acres on Prospect avenue and will build. A. G. Bartlett is laying out a five-acre piece on the northeast corner of Prospect avenue and Vine street to form a pretty landscape and will build an \$8000 house on a knoll on the property.

Street grading by electric light is the up-to-date style of operations in progress on Prospect avenue. That thoroughfare is being improved from a point in front of the H. J. Whitley place for about a mile westward. There is such a demand for the gravel cars on the trolley line that they cannot be used here in the daytime, so the grading has to be done at night. With a pole leaned against the trolley wire and wired so as to connect with the rail a set of lights is maintained and illumination sufficient for the work is supplied. Wilcox avenue is to be graded and graveled from Sunset Boulevard through to the pass, a distance of about a mile.

The popular drift toward tropical and semi-tropical plants in localities suitable for their culture is shown on the Whitley place. More than 2000 pieces of shrubbery are growing there. Among the products of the soil in that property are coffee and pineapples.

The friendly contest among Holly-