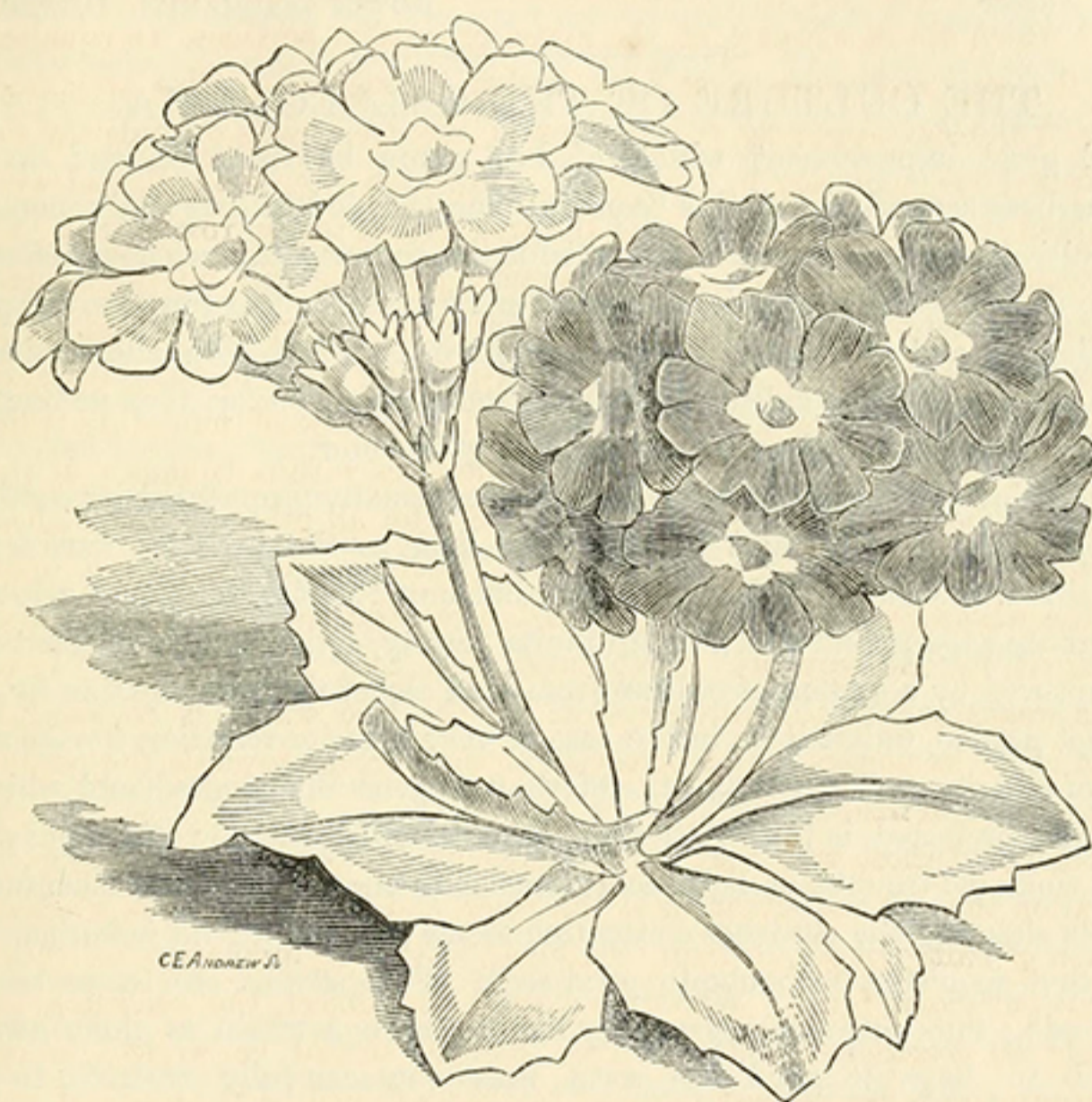


that the alliance of *P. pedemontana* is with *P. viscosa* and *P. integrifolia*, from both of which, however, it conspicuously differs. "It is of easy cultivation in a mixture of loam and peat, interspersed with bits of stone." M.



THE MULBERRY TREE.

I AM very glad to find that the attention of your readers has at last been directed to this valuable fruit tree. Allow me, then, to state that the reason why the fruit is not seen at any fruit exhibition, why it is not found on the dessert-table, and why it is not marketed like other garden produce, is because it will not bear packing, either in large or small quantities. Therefore it is always eaten from under or from off the tree. The fruit is most agreeable and wholesome, in any form, either fresh or preserved. No garden or lawn, where there is room, ought to be without a Mulberry tree.

I have a tree of somewhat extraordinary dimensions, growing on a very stiff clay soil. The trunk is 3 ft. 10 in. high, and 4 ft. 6 in. in girth; the extreme height of foliage from the ground is 28 ft., and the outside circumference 159 ft. The form is a complete dome. It was planted by my father fifty years ago, and has survived without injury the two first of its three stages of growth, which