

Lupine is planted in geometrical patterns amongst the corn, to be ploughed in as manure after the crop is reaped.

There are many fine flower gardens containing a large variety of Australian, New Zealand, and South American plants. On the road to Furnas numerous hills, small volcanic cones, were passed, planted with firs and various timber trees with great care. The appearance of the island has been remarkably modified by careful plantation, most of the work having been done by Mr. Brown, a gardener from Kew, who was brought to the island by Don José do Canto to superintend the laying out of his garden. Most



FIG. 75.—*Cryptomeria japonica*, in the garden of Don José do Canto, San Miguel. (From a Photograph.)



FIG. 76.—*Araucaria excelsa*, in the garden of Don José do Canto, San Miguel. (From a Photograph.)

curious is the markedly Australian feature which the general aspect of the vegetation has assumed in many places. Clumps of blue Gum Trees (*Eucalyptus*) abound, and the gardens by the roadside are full of Banksias and Melaleucas; but when once the higher plateaus of the island are reached, the foreign element disappears, and the moorland is covered with Bog Myrtle (*Myrica faya*), Heath (*Erica azorica*), and the splendid Fern *Dicksonia culcita*, which almost forms a tree. The beautiful golden brown silky substance covering its shoots is gathered, as elsewhere from tree ferns, for stuffing cushions. The moor looks very much like a Scotch moor, and stretches far and wide over the flat hill tops. In