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THE PADUA BOTANIC GARDEN.—Some years since we published a view of this remarkable garden—memorable, among other things, for the visit of GOETHE, whose ideas of the metamorphoses of plants received an impulse from the successive stages of unfolding manifested in the leaves of a *Chamærops humilis*, and witnessed in this garden. Many trees and plants which require shelter in more northern climes do well here in the open air, and Dr. G. B. DE TONI has recently published a pamphlet giving details as to the more remarkable trees, their heights, &c. An *Araucaria excelsa* (under glass) has attained a height of over 70 feet. A *Vitis Agnus-Castus* is still in existence, though first noted in 1561 and again in 1650. This shrub is supposed to date from the origin of the garden in 1545. A remarkably contorted Plane of large size is one of the curiosities of the garden. Dr. TONI adds a synoptical table of over a hundred of the more remarkable trees, with the date of plantation and the present dimensions, and gives a similar list, without measurements, of other trees and shrubs.