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Weeping Trees. A year ago a short account of fastigate trees, that is trees with abnormally erect branches, appeared in one of these bulletins, and it may be interesting to supplement this with an account of the trees commonly called "weeping," that is trees with abnormally drooping branches. Such abnormal trees have been industriously hunted for and largely propagated by nurserymen because many of their customers are interested in curious plants which are the joy of the owners of many suburban gardens, especially in Europe where happily such plants are in more general use than they are in this country. It can be said that "weeping" trees are less useful than some of the pyramidal trees for they cannot be used in mixed plantations or bear crowding, and must stand as isolated specimens in the park or on the lawn or the effect of the peculiar habit for which they are valued will be lost. Weeping trees of many of the large Willows are propagated by cuttings, and those of other trees by grafting a weeping branch on a stem of a normal tree of the same or of a related species, and it can be said generally that the Willows with pendulous branches produced from cuttings are the handsomest of the pendulous trees because they appear less abnormal.

Willows. The best known of the trees with pendulous branches is the Weeping Willow from China, a large tree with long slender drooping branchlets which sweep the ground, and narrow, dark green, very lustrous leaves. This is the common tree Willow in the region bordering the Yangtse River for two thousand miles from its mouth, and the one frequently planted in villages and cemeteries in other parts of the empire. For centuries this has been a favorite tree with the Chinese, and is a familiar object in many Chinese pictures, and is often repre-

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