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The exceptionally cold and sunless weather of the last week of April and of the early days of May has greatly retarded the advance of vegetation, and very few plants are in bloom in the Arboretum; and on the 3d of May leaf-buds were still generally closed. An exception, however, is found in

Prinsepia sinensis. The leaves of this Chinese shrub, which are among the first in the Arboretum to unfold, are already nearly fully grown and the flowers are opening; these are bright yellow, about two-thirds of an inch in diameter, and appear in few-flowered clusters in the axils of the leaves. This *Prinsepia* is a tall, vigorous, perfectly hardy shrub, with ascending and spreading spiny branches, and is perfectly at home in eastern Massachusetts. It will probably prove here to be an excellent and very ornamental hedge plant. Unfortunately, the red berry-like fruit is rarely produced here, so that this plant can be increased only by cuttings. The largest plant in the Arboretum is on the upper side of Hickory Path near Centre Street; a plant is also in the Shrub Collection. Another species, *Prinsepia uniflora*, a native also of northern China, is established in the Arboretum; it is a more spiny shrub with small white flowers, and as an ornamental plant has little to recommend it.

Corylopsis. A year ago attention was called in one of these Bulletins to the flowering of some of these plants in the collection of Chinese shrubs on the southern slope of Bussey Hill. The flower-buds are often injured in this climate by spring frosts but last spring they es-

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