Evergreen Barberries. The four Chinese evergreen Barberries, *Berberis Julianae*, *B. Sargentiana*, *B. verruculosa* and *B. Gagnepainii*, from which so much has been expected, have suffered seriously. *B. Julianae* and *B. Sargentiana* will probably not recover, and there is little hope that much garden beauty will ever be obtained in this region from evergreen Barberries, for all the Mahonias which have been grown here are in unusually bad condition this spring, with the exception of the dwarf *Mahonia* or *Berberis repens* from the Rocky Mountains, and even this has lost many of its leaves. All the forms of the European Box, although carefully protected, have suffered badly and some have been killed. Even the Japanese Box (*Buxus japonica*), which has been growing in an exposed position here for twenty years without protection, will lose for the first time some of its leaves from the ends of the branches. This handsome plant has suffered, however, less than might have been expected, and if Box is to be planted in eastern Massachusetts with the expectation that it will be a permanent garden ornament it is this Japanese species which must be used. The Chinese climbing Honeysuckle (*Lonicera Henryi*), which had proved perfectly hardy until last winter and from which much was expected, has lost all its leaves, but as its stems are still alive it may recover. *Teucrium chamaedrys* and *Salvia officinalis* are nearly killed, and *Daphne cneorum*, which has usually done well in the Arboretum, has suffered seriously in the Shrub Collection and on Azalea Path. The two evergreen Chinese Viburnums which have lived in the Arboretum for several years, *Viburnum rhytidophyllum* and *V. buddleifolium*, have lost all their leaves but may possibly recover.

Thanks probably to the abundant rains of the summer and autumn, the Rhododendrons in the Arboretum have suffered less than they did three years ago, although in some of the gardens near Boston the loss of these plants has been more serious than ever before, whole plantations which have been growing for thirty or forty years having been destroyed. In the Arboretum the only species which has suffered is *R. micranthum*, the only evergreen Chinese Rhododendron which has ever lived long enough in the Arboretum to flower and which has now lost many of its upper branches. There are dead branches on some of the Catawbiense hybrids, and among them, in addition to a number of hybrid seedlings sent to the Arboretum for trial by an English nursery, the following have been killed: James Smith, Marshall Brooks, Mrs. Thomas Agnew, Marquis of Waterford and Gomer Waterer. One specimen of Mrs. C. S. Sargent, which has always been considered one of the hardiest of all the Catawbiense hybrids, has been so injured that it will have to be removed. *Rhododendron azaleoides*, or *fragrans*, one of the hybrids between a Rhododendron and an Azalea, has also been killed.

Prunus incisa has bloomed in the Arboretum every spring for three or four years but has never been as full of flowers or as beautiful as it has been during the present week. This Cherry is a native of Japan and is abundant on the eastern and southern slopes of Fuji-san and on the Hakone Mountains. It is a large shrub or under favorable conditions a small tree twenty-five or thirty feet high; the flowers appear before the deeply cut leaves in drooping clusters; their calyx is bright

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