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English Elms. There is still apparently much confusion in popular understanding in this country in regard to the trees known here as "English Elms," and it does not seem to be generally understood that there are four distinct species of Elm-trees now growing naturally in England, and that among the trees sometimes cultivated are hybrids of these species which also in the popular mind pass as English Elm-trees.

Ulmus procera. This is the name now adopted for the tree which is generally known as English Elm in Boston where it has proved one of the best foreign trees ever planted in Massachusetts. It has been growing here for more than a century, and nearly one hundred years ago Major Paddock had a nursery at Milton for the propagation and sale of this tree. Probably no tree, native or foreign, which has been planted in the neighborhood of Boston has grown to such a large size. The Paddock Elms, which stood on Tremont Street in front of the Granary Burying Ground, were of this species, as were the great Elms on the Tremont Street Mall of the Common which were killed by the Subway. The Elm-trees on each side of the Shaw Monument opposite the State House are of this species, and there are still large specimens in the suburbs of the city. This is the common Elm-tree of southern England where it grows usually in hedge-rows, although it has been largely planted in parks. It often grows one hundred feet tall with a massive stem covered with dark deeply furrowed bark, spreading or ascending branches which form a comparatively narrow oval head, and slender branchlets thickly covered during their first year with down.

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