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Catawbiense Hybrid Rhododendrons. The first of the so-called Catawbiense Hybrids was raised in England in 1826, between *Rhododendron catawbiense* and *R. arboreum*, and was named *R. alta-clerense*. It is doubtful if this plant is still in existence. There are forty-eight varieties of the Catawbiense Hybrids growing in the Arboretum raised at Knaphill Nursery, Woking, Surrey, England, by Anthony Waterer who by his exhibit at the Centennial Exhibition in Philadelphia did more to make these plants known in this country than anyone else. At this Exhibition fifteen hundred plants in eighty varieties were arranged under the general charge of Mr. Anthony Waterer himself who came to America for that purpose. Most of these plants were presented to Professor Sargent, and a large part of his visit was passed in Boston where he learned that it is as easy to acquire a serious attack of gout in New England as it is in England. As a rule persons like to make collections in this country of many kinds of these Rhododendrons, but much better results are obtained by confining collections to not over a dozen varieties and by planting several individuals of each of these varieties together. Twelve varieties recommended by the Arboretum, where they have been growing uninjured for about thirty years, are: H. W. Sargent (crimson), Album elegans, Album grandiflorum, Catawbiense album (white), James Mackintosh (red), Mrs. C. S. Sargent (rose), Purpureum grandiflorum (dark purple), Roseum elegans (rose pink), Henrietta Sargent (rose), Charles Dickens (bright red), Everestianum (rosy lilac), and atrosanguineum (dark red).

Rhododendron delicatissimum is a hybrid between *R. catawbiense*

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