



FIG. 1680.—AGASSIZ BRIDGE—BACK BAY FENS.

ing pond in which several hundred boys may at times be seen, sporting people with a golf field, the horsemen with a fine speedway of half a mile, and all lovers of the beautiful in landscape, with beautiful lawns and trees and water in most excellent combinations,

At Boston, Mr. W. H. Manning, landscape architect and secretary of the Park and Outdoor Association, was extremely courteous and obliging to us. Though over-burdened with office work, and the superintendence of park designs in many different States, he yet found time to engage a carriage and accompany us through the magnificent park system of Boston, which now covers an extent of 12,000 acres, of which the Metropolitan Park embraces about two-thirds, and the Bay Fens, the Arnold Arboretum, Franklin Park and others the balance. Probably no city in Am-

erica has the same extent of Park as this old and refined City of Boston. It seemed like classic ground to pass the homes of such noted men as Prof C. S. Sargent, so well known as editor of *The Garden*; Charles Downing, author of *American Landscape Gardening* and Francis Parkman, the historian.

The Arnold Arboretum is beautiful and the group of hickories, oaks, conifers, etc., show a good beginning of an important collection but it seems to have never realized the ideal of the founder, for it has no labels and is apparently incomplete in its collection of species.

In order to give our readers an idea of some features of these parks we give views of the Arnold Arboretum, Agassiz Bridge and in Back Bay Fens, and some ribbon bedding in the Public Gardens

Mr. W. H. Manning has most kindly