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In this volume is given a complete description, with full-page illustrations, of native New England trees. The illustrations cover every period of growth from bud to fruit, and are of themselves sufficient in most cases for the identification of the species. Although the work was written specially for New England conditions, it is applicable to a much larger area north and south. So far as consistent with precision, popular terms have been used in description, but not when such usage involves tedious periphrase. The book is designed for the use of general botanists, specialists interested in the distribution of trees, and for students in high schools and colleges.

APRIL MAGAZINES.

In the *Atlantic Monthly*, Paul G. Huston contributes *The Day's Work of a Forester*, a noteworthy paper upon the government's work of reclaiming and preserving our national forests,—a practical account, touched likewise with poetic insight and an æsthetic charm. Bliss Carman furnishes a noble and imaginative poem, *The Pipes of Pan*... In choice and printing of illustrations the monthly Magazine Numbers of *The Outlook* have greatly improved of late, and the April Magazine Number has pictorially both distinction and variety. Among other notable articles it contains a review of Education in the Philippines by the Superintendent of Schools there, Hon. F. W. Atkinson.... Chief among the attractive features of the *Easter Ladies' Home Journal* is the opening instalment of Helen Keller's own story of her life. The new children's

department, called the Good-Time Garden, begins in this number. Mr. Bok discusses several timely subjects on the editorial page, chief among them the growing tendency of the American father to neglect the companionship of his children.... A handsome cover by a Canadian artist encloses the Easter issue of the *Canadian Magazine*. John K. Munro writes of Curling in Canada in a way to interest both curlers and general readers. Arthur H. U. Colquhoun gives many interesting reminiscences of Lord Dufferin. The career of Henry Hudson, the discoverer of Hudson's Bay, is described in an interesting way by George Johnson, the Dominion statistician.... There is a very wide range of topics in the *Century* for this month, including fiction, history, biography, travel, literature, and subjects current to the times, among which is a valuable and timely article, *The Beautifying of Village and Town*.... The long story in the April *St. Nicholas* ought to be popular with the boys and girls of to-day. It tells of the visit of two city boys to their cousin upon a Texas Ranch. Under his guardianship the slightly morbid city boys grow rugged and strong. They ride, shoot, camp out and hunt. It is a bright, breezy, manly little story well illustrated.... An illustrated article of unusual interest describing *The Japanese University for Women* appears in the *Chautauquan Magazine* for April. Another article suggesting the quality of timeliness treats of Heligoland, the Smallest Gem in the Kaiser's Crown. A view of this picturesque land forms the frontispiece.... The old-fashioned gardens of half a century ago, with no thought of effect, gave decorative plants their proper position by relegating them to some corner or border location. Oftentimes they were planted near the old-fashioned well-sweep with a clump of trees beyond, simply because they grew so thriftily there under the frequent dashes from the old well bucket. Some of the pleasing effects that one can arrange in planting the home garden are indicated in the April *Delineator*, where the directions are given by a well-known authority on gardening.

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