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The common wild Columbine (*Aquilegia Canadensis*), whose habitat is given in the manuals as "rocks," or "rocky woods," is also found in the shaded sands of the New Jersey sea coast. One of its stations is in a sandy wood of Absecon Island on the outskirts of Atlantic City.—*C. F. Saunders, Philadelphia, Pa.*

Mr. Robert Ridgway's note on the fall of leaves in the Bald Cypress (*Taxodium distichum*), suggests a similar occurrence in the case of the Japanese Privet (*Ligusticum japonicum*), at Washington, D. C., where it is commonly planted for hedges. In ordinarily severe winters the leaves of this shrub drop off in January, but last winter a large proportion of the leaves remained on the plant until the new foliage appeared in April. This shrub, therefore, is to be classed as evergreen or deciduous, according to climatic conditions.—*F. V. Coville, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.*

A good illustration of the differences in habit induced by climatic conditions is seen in the Egg-plant. As grown in Northern gardens it is a tender herbaceous plant, which cannot be safely set in the open ground before June 1, and which is killed by the first suggestion of frost in the fall. On the Keys of South Florida, where it is grown to some extent for the New York market, the plant is a robust, shrubby perennial, ten feet in height, and although the younger shoots die down in winter, it puts forth fresh buds from the main stem in spring. The Castor-oil bean (*Ricinus*) is another familiar example of this.—*Charles Louis Pollard, U. S. National Museum, Washington, D. C.*

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