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n.

1. Any of various small deciduous trees of the genus *Carpinus*, having smooth grayish bark, small nuts borne in leaflike bracts, and hard wood.
2. The wood of one of these trees.

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