

Aesculus Harbisonii is also in this group. This shrub is the last of the Horsechestnuts and Buckeyes in the collection to unfold its leaves, which do not appear until those of most of the other trees and shrubs of this family are nearly full grown and, with the exception of *Aesculus parviflora* is the last of the group to flower. Two plants sprang up in the Arboretum nursery ten years ago among seedlings of *Aesculus georgiana*, and the mixture of glands and hairs on the petals of the flowers show that it is a hybrid between species belonging to different sections of the genus, no doubt *A. georgiana*, and *A. discolor* var. *mollis*, which also appeared among these seedlings. Whatever its origin *A. Harbisonii* is a good garden plant which has proved itself perfectly hardy in the Arboretum where it has flowered now regularly for three years. The stem and branches of the flower-cluster and the calyx of the flower are rose color, and the petals are canary yellow slightly streaked with red toward the margins; the lateness of their appearance adds to the value of these shrubs which are now three or four feet high and covered with flowers.

Sophora vicifolia. There are not many shrubs with blue flowers which are hardy in this climate and none of them are as satisfactory as this *Sophora*, which is a native of central and western China where it is a common undershrub in dry hot valleys. In the Arboretum it is a shapely plant about four feet high and perfectly hardy; it produces its small blue and white pea-shaped flowers in great profusion and blooms every year. It is one of the most attractive of the small shrubs of recent introduction. It can be seen on Hickory Path near Centre Street.

Some species of Mock Orange (*Philadelphus*) are already flowering. The earliest to bloom in the collection are *P. Schneekii*, var. *Jackii*, a plant discovered by Mr. Jack in Korea a few years ago, and *P. hirsutus* from the southern Appalachian region. The former is a dwarf shrub with erect stems and rather small flowers, and is chiefly valuable for its earliness. *P. hirsutus* is also a small-flowered species and in cultivation is a large, loose-growing shrub of unattractive habit. There is a large collection of species, varieties and hybrids of *Philadelphus* in the Arboretum; they are planted in the Shrub Collection and in a supplementary collection forming a large group on the Bussey Hill Road opposite the Lilac Group. Many useful hardy shrubs with beautiful flowers are found among these plants which will be in bloom now for several weeks and will repay a careful study by persons interested in such plants.

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