

but have not flowered yet. A mat of these handsome Chinese plants can be seen among the other Chinese plants on the southern slope of Bussey Hill. If this form retains in cultivation the prostrate stems of its present state it may prove an excellent subject for covering the ground under trees and shrubs.

**Asiatic Crabapples.** Many of these small trees and shrubs are well covered with fruit this year. When the whole group is considered few plants are more valuable for garden decoration in this climate if attention is paid to keeping them free from the scale insects which are destructive to all plants of the Apple tribe. All the Asiatic Crabs are perfectly hardy; they grow quickly in good soil, and many of them begin to flower and produce fruit when only a few years old. No plants are more beautiful at the end of May when they are covered with their countless pink and white flowers; and on some of them the fruit is showy and long persistent. The original Arboretum collection of these plants is on the bank rising from the left-hand side of the Forest Hills road, but there is a larger supplementary collection at the eastern base of Peter's Hill. Here will be found nearly every species and many of the varieties and hybrids of these plants. A few of the conspicuous plants just now are *Malus ringo* with yellow fruit, interesting as the plant from which the Apple cultivated in China has been derived, and the only Apple cultivated in Japan until recent years. *Malus floribunda* and the hybrid raised in the Arboretum from that species, *Malus Arnoldiana*, with yellow fruits are now conspicuous, as are *Malus zumi* and *M. Sargentii* from Japan with bright scarlet fruit; the latter is the only Apple which is shrubby in habit. Interesting, too, is the form of the Japanese *Malus toringo* from northern China with small fruits yellow on some plants and red on others. These are only a few of the plants in this large collection which at this time deserve careful study.

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