

by Wilson are now in flower, *C. Veitchiana* and *C. Willmottiae*. If the plants of this genus could be depended upon to flower every year they would deserve a place in all gardens where early spring flowers are desired, but in ordinary seasons they flower too early or the flower-buds are destroyed, and they cannot be recommended for general cultivation here. In the middle Atlantic states, wherever *Jasminum nudiflorum* succeeds they would probably give good results, and in California they may be expected to flourish and to become midwinter and early spring-flowering shrubs of first-rate value. Lovers of rare and little known plants will do well to see them in the Arboretum this spring for it may be many years before they flower so freely again.

Andromeda floribunda. There are so few broad-leaved evergreen trees or shrubs which are really hardy in this climate that it may be useful to call attention again to this *Andromeda* which is a native of the high slopes of the southern Appalachian Mountains and perfectly hardy in New England. It is a low, broad, round-topped bush with small, dark green lustrous leaves and short erect compound clusters of small white heath-like flowers which are now open. The flower-buds, which are fully grown in the autumn, are also white, and are conspicuous through the winter, adding to the value of this plant for the winter and spring garden.

Two eastern American shrubs now in flower show the value of some native plants for American gardens in which they are too seldom found. These flowering shrubs are the Leatherwood (*Dirca palustris*) and the aromatic Spicebush (*Benzoin aestivale*). They are now covered with small yellow flowers, and those of the Spicebush will be followed in the early autumn by lustrous, scarlet fruits. Masses of these two plants can be seen on the right-hand side of the Bussey Hill Road opposite the upper side of the Laurel Collection.

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