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The Arboretum early in July. The Arboretum at this time is not devoid of many conspicuous flowers, but for many persons its greatest beauty and interest is now found in the early summer foliage of its trees and other plants, its variety and various combinations. Thanks to the cool spring and often abundant rains, the foliage in the Arboretum has never been more luxurious, and the leaves on most of the Arboretum plants have rarely been so free of disease and disfiguring insects. There is certainly no other place where the maker of parks in the northeastern United States and in eastern British America can see such a variety of plants or learn how to use them to the best advantage in his work.

Cornus amomum. Attention is called again to the Silky Cornel because it is one of the best of all shrubs to plant in this climate near the banks of streams and ponds where a large mass of foliage to spread out over the surface of water is desired. Examples of this use of this shrub can now be seen at two of the small ponds near the end of the Meadow Road where this Cornel is now covered with flowers. These will be followed in autumn by bright blue fruit; in the winter the purple stems are attractive. The Silky Cornel is a good plant, too, to place in front of groups of trees and shrubs, but it must have room for the free growth of its wide-spreading branches, for when crowded by other plants the branches become erect, and all the character and beauty of the plant is lost. A space of not less than twenty feet in diameter is necessary for the development of a handsome plant of the Silky Cornel.



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