

land of any size that the Arboretum possesses, moreover, on account of its situation it serves a splendid purpose as a test garden. Visitors may be assured of the hardiness anywhere in New England of the plants they see growing in the Shrub Garden.

Bussey Hill is at all seasons one of the most interesting places in the Arboretum. Gathered together there are collections of the newer Chinese shrubs, Japanese Cherries, Oriental Pears, Azaleas and other ornamental plants. Some of the earlier Cherries have shed their petals but the Japanese double-flowered forms and some with single flowers are just beginning to make their display which will continue for about ten days. A few blossoms remain on *Rhododendron dauricum mucronulatum* and the buds on *R. Schlippenbachii* and *R. yedoensis poukhanense* are showing color. Soon there will be broad drifts of these plants in full bloom. From the summit of the hill looking in many directions fine views of the Arboretum can be had. Pleasing to the eye are the young unfolding leaves of the Birches, and scattered fleecy drifts of Shadblows arrest attention. In a few more days bush and tree will be clothed in spring verdure. The collection of Oriental Pears on Bussey Hill is fairly complete. The first to blossom is *Pyrus ussuriensis*, whose flowers in bud are often tinged with pink. In northeastern Asia this Pear grows to a large size and varieties of it are cultivated throughout Korea, Manchuria and North China. The wild type of the Chinese Sand Pear (*Pyrus serotina*) and the related *P. serrulata* may be seen side by side. With them are vigorous trees of *P. Calleryana*, also a Chinese species. This last-named species of Pear on account of its almost complete immunity to the dreaded fire-blight disease is likely to be of great value as an understock on which to graft varieties of the Common Pear. From an economic point of view it is possible that *P. Calleryana* may prove to be the most valuable tree the Arboretum has introduced into America. The Oriental Pear trees are rapid-growing and free-flowering, yet it is doubtful if they ever will become popular as ornamental trees, although the leaves assume rich tones of crimson and bronze in the late fall. The flowers are usually dead white and the only touch of color to be found is the anthers. The fruits are small, russet-colored and unattractive when compared with the bright hues of Crabapple fruits.

Peters Hill is noted for its collection of Hawthorns but on the top is to be found a rich and varied collection of miscellaneous trees. There on the highest land air and root drainage are both good and a greater number of trees thrive there than elsewhere in the Arboretum. For example, it is the only place where the Chinese Cedar (*Cedrela sinensis*) will live. Among the miscellaneous trees at the moment several Asiatic Cherries are in full bloom. On the broad slope the Hawthorns are rapidly pushing forth their green leaves among which nestle the flower clusters. The green leaves and fragrance of the Balsam and other Poplars by the railway are refreshing to both eye and nostril. At the foot of the hill, flanking Bussey Street, the collection of Asiatic Crabapples promises soon to be a mass of bloom,



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