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The Arboretum is perhaps as beautiful at the present moment as at any time of the year. Nearly all the trees are just pushing into growth and among the young unfolding leaves every shade of green is present and in contrast there are the grays, pinks, and ruddy browns of the Oaks' expanding buds. The tracery of the branches is not yet hidden and the crowns of all the deciduous trees look light and airy. There is also a good deal of blossom to be seen no matter where one may walk. The collections of the Arboretum represent in epitome the woody flora of northern lands and the beauty of the arborescent wealth of the boreal regions of Europe, Asia, and North America invites the visitor. Not least at the moment is the Flowering Dogwood, one of the most delightful of the smaller trees of North America. Rarely is it that Massachusetts enjoys for two seasons in succession the Flowering Dogwood in all its beauty. Thanks to the mild winters, the Dogwood was splendid last season and it promises to be equally good this year. People who live on Long Island and southward are accustomed to an annual display of white saucers on their Dogwood trees, but here the free blossoming is only occasional and when it happens it is an event worth noting. In the Arboretum this Dogwood has been freely planted alongside the drives and on the margins of woodlands, where at the moment it is conspicuous. A worthy companion is the Redbud (*Cercis canadensis*), whose clustered rose-purple, pea-like blossoms stud the naked branches. For associating with the Flowering Dogwood in thicket and margin of woodland there is no better flowering tree. The color is not all that could be desired but from a distance and when neighbored by white it is very effective. Its specific name notwithstanding, the plant never knew Canada as a wild tree, for it is not indigenous north of the state of New Jersey.

Bussey Hill remains the center of attraction. Many of the double flowered Japanese Cherries are still at the height of beauty. Several Hawthorns are in blossom and Wilson's Pearl bush (*Exochorda Giraldui Wilsonii*) is a sheaf of the purest white; *Rhododendron Schlippenbachii* is still beautifully in flower. Some of the early



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