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The Cherry blossom season now opens in the Arboretum. Just within the Forest Hills Gate, on Bussey Hill, and on Peters Hill the single-flowered Asiatic Cherries are fast opening their pink passing to white flowers. The first to bloom is the Sargent Cherry (*Prunus serrulata sachalinensis*), a native of the forests of central and northern Japan where it is often a tree from 60 to 80 feet tall with a thick trunk and a magnificent crown. It has clustered pink or white blossoms, each from 1 to 1½ inches in diameter, which open immediately before the bronze-tinted foliage unfolds. This Cherry is the hardiest of its tribe and since its introduction to the Arboretum in 1890 has never suffered winter injury nor have the flower-buds been killed. Fine as a specimen, it makes a splendid avenue tree and with a little attention when young maintains a shapely pyramidal crown. It is readily raised from seed, grows rapidly and is well suited for roadside planting in suburban areas. Apart from its beauty it is the best understock on which to work double-flowered Japanese Cherries of which it is one of the principal parents. Too much cannot be written in favor of this splendid tree.

The Tokyo or Yoshino Cherry (*P. yedoensis*) is the particular Cherry whose flowering at Tokyo is made the occasion of a national holiday. The planting round the Potomac basin at Washington, D. C., now familiar to millions of Americans, is of this species. Although abundantly planted in Toyko, Yokohama and Nagasaki, it is less so in other parts of Japan. Strange to say although a common tree in the districts mentioned it was not until quite recently recognized as a species and it has not yet been found in a wild state. The original trees on which the species is based may be seen in the old botanic garden in Tokyo. First introduced into the Arboretum in 1902 by seeds sent from Tokyo, this Cherry has proved less hardy than other Japanese species. As a matter of fact, Boston is a little too far north for its well-being and it is only occasionally that the flower-buds escape winter injury. From Cape Cod, where the genial influence of the gulf stream prevails, and south as far as Savannah, Georgia,



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