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The extremely cold weather of last week did considerable damage to the open blossoms; the Asiatic Magnolias in particular suffered severely and in many gardens the flowers were utterly ruined. It is unfortunate that these handsome plants put forth their blooms so early for rarely a year passes but what they are damaged in and around Boston. Last year and this those of the Star Magnolia, the White Yulan and *Magnolia Soulangeana* were utterly spoiled. To protect them from the late spring frosts the only hope is to plant them beneath the shade of trees or in some position where they are sheltered from the morning sun. The same remark applies to *Rhododendron dauricum mucronulatum*, which has likewise suffered greatly. In the spring we are so hungry for flowers that there is an irresistible temptation to grow plants which open their blossoms as early as possible. The result is that almost every year we are saddened by the effects of late frosts. Fortunately, the Cherry blossoms at Forest Hills Gate, which were not sufficiently advanced, came through unscathed and are now a delightful picture in pink and white. The floriferousness of these Cherries is, to say the least, remarkable; year after year they put forth a myriad of blooms. The cool spring and the consequent slow opening of blossoms has been favorable to the development of anthocyanin with the result that the flowers on some plants are more pink than is usual. The Sargent Cherry and some of the Asiatic Pears are noteworthy examples of this phenomenon. Some years the Sargent Cherry tree by the pond at the junction of Meadow and Forest Hills Roads has white flowers but this year they are a deep pink.

Prunus tomentosa, the Nanking Cherry, is an old and well-known favorite. Widespread in northeastern Asia, it is a plant of remarkable hardiness, doing well in some of the coldest parts of the United States. A broad, twiggy shrub with ascending branches, it makes a rounded mass with the twigs throughout their whole length strung with white blossoms. The bark is dark and by contrast adds to the



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