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The Ohio Buckeye. This, the *Aesculus glabra* of botanists, is the first of the Horsechestnut family to open its flowers. It is a small tree rarely more than fifty feet tall and usually much smaller, with bark which on young trees is dark brown and scaly but on old trunks becomes ashy gray and deeply furrowed. It has pale yellow flowers, with petals shorter than the stamens and fruit covered with prickles like that of the European Horsechestnut; unlike those of that tree, the winter-buds are not resinous. It is one of the most widely distributed of the American Buckeyes as it ranges from western Pennsylvania to northern Alabama and to eastern Nebraska and Oklahoma. There is a variety in southern Arkansas with smooth pale bark which has been distinguished as var. *leucodermis*, and there is another variety in western Missouri with leaves composed of seven instead of five leaflets which is known as var. *Buckleyi*. The Ohio Buckeye and these two varieties have been in flower for several days in the Arboretum collection. Their flowers are much less showy than those of other Horsechestnuts and of most of their hybrids, but the Ohio Buckeye is interesting botanically as well as historically, for it is to this tree that one of the great and important states of the Union owes its popular name.

Rhododendron Kaempferi. This red-flowered Azalea from the mountains of central Japan promises to bloom well this spring for many of the plants are covered with flower-buds which are already showing color. There are masses of this hardy Azalea on both sides of Azalea Path and at the northern base of Hemlock Hill between the Hemlocks

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