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Gordonia alataamaha. With the exception of the Witch Hazel, which in this latitude is a shrub rather than a tree, this *Gordonia* is the last tree of the year to flower in the Arboretum, and its pure white, cup-shaped flowers, resembling a single *Camellia* flower, can now be seen on the plants on Azalea Path and on Hickory Path near Centre Street. This handsome little tree has an interesting history. It was discovered by John Bartram, the famous Pennsylvania traveler and botanist, in 1765 near Fort Barrington on the Altamaha River in Georgia. John Bartram's son William visited the locality in 1778 and collected seeds and roots of this tree, and Dr. Moses Marshall who visited the locality in 1790 was the last botanist who has seen it growing naturally. Many botanists have hunted for it in vain in the neighborhood of Fort Barrington but without success, and this tree has been preserved by the plants and seeds collected by William Bartram and their descendants. Many of these are growing in gardens near Philadelphia and there are large and very old specimens in the neglected arboreta of the Brothers Painter at Medina and of John Evans in Radnor Township, Delaware County. Good plants may be seen in Fairmount Park near the Horticultural Building and in a few private gardens near the city. This *Gordonia* has been an inhabitant of the Arboretum for many years where it flowers in sheltered positions every autumn. Late in the season the leaves turn orange and scarlet before falling.

Summer and autumn fruits. The interesting and often brilliant fruits of many trees and shrubs can be found in the Arboretum every year from July to March, and although this is not a remarkably good season for fruits here some plants are producing unusually large and brilliantly colored crops. Nowhere else are the fruits of trees and

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