nurserymen rarely adopt this method for it takes a little longer to produce saleable plants than it does by grafting, but the plants on their own roots are so much more valuable than grafted plants that no one should ever buy a grafted Lilac.

Syringa pinnatifolia is one of the Lilacs discovered by Wilson in western China which has flowered this year for the first time in the Arboretum. The small nearly white flowers in small short clusters opened ten days ago; they are less beautiful than those of almost any other Lilac, but the plant is of considerable interest, as it is the only Lilac with pinnate leaves. It is with the other Chinese Lilacs on the path at the top of the bank on the left-hand side of the Bussey Hill Road occupied by the Lilac Collection.

Rhododendron (Azalea) Kaempferi. Plants of this handsome red-flowered Japanese Azalea on Azalea Path where they are fully exposed to the sun have been in flower for a week, although plants in the shade on the northern side of Hemlock Hill will not open their flowers for several days. The flowers are very delicate and are easily injured by the sun, and it is best to plant this shrub among trees in partial shade or on the northern side of conifers. This Azalea has been growing in the Arboretum for more than twenty years and is perfectly hardy in eastern Massachusetts. Late in May or early in June no other shrub makes a more brilliant show of color.

Buckeyes. The first of the Horsechestnuts, or Buckeyes as the species of eastern North America are called, to flower this year is the form of the Ohio Buckeye (*Aesculus glabra*) from northwestern Missouri, the variety *Buckleyi* with leaves composed of seven instead of five leaflets. It was followed in a few days by the flowers of the normal tree. The Ohio Buckeye is a comparatively small tree which begins to flower when less than ten feet high, and the clusters of small yellow or greenish yellow flowers are not showy. It is interesting as the only American species with prickly fruit like that of the Old World Horsechestnuts. Different Buckeyes and Horsechestnuts will be in bloom for several weeks and among them are some of the handsomest of flowering trees. The Aesculus Collection is a large one and has been arranged next to the Lindens on the right-hand side of the Meadow Road.

An illustrated guide to the Arboretum containing a map showing the position of the different groups of plants has been published. It will be found useful to persons unfamiliar with the Arboretum. Copies of this guide can be obtained at the Administration Building in the Arboretum, from the Secretary of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, 300 Massachusetts Avenue, Boston, from The Houghton, Mifflin Company, 4 Park Street, Boston, and at the office of the Harvard Alumni Bulletin, 18 Plympton Street, Cambridge. Price, 30 cents.

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