their length this plant varies greatly. There is a beautiful form with pure white flowers (var. *alba*) which is becoming common in this country, another with flowers which are pure pink or white more or less tinged with pink (var. *rosea*), and another with leaves blotched with yellow (var. *variegata*). There is also a double-flowered form (var. *violacea plena*) which was first sent to this country in 1862 and first flowered here in the garden of Francis Parkman at Jamaica Plain. Fortunately this form blooms very rarely, for the flowers are ugly, something which cannot be said of any other Wisteria. Although the Japanese Wisteria is usually called *W. multijuga* in gardens, the oldest and correct name for it is *W. floribunda*.

Early-flowering Diervillas or Weigelas. The earliest of these plants to flower in the Arboretum, and perhaps the handsomest of all the species, varieties and hybrids of Diervilla known in gardens, is the Korean form of *D. florida* discovered and introduced by Mr. Jack to which the varietal name *venusta* has been given. It is already a shrub here five feet tall and three or four feet through, and every spring is completely covered with dense clusters of rosy-pink flowers from an inch and a half to two inches in length. It is perfectly hardy, which cannot be said of all the garden Weigelas; it grows rapidly, and no shrub can bear larger crops of flowers. There is a plant now in full bloom on Hickory Path near the Pecan tree, and another in the Shrub Collection at the end of the Diervilla Collection near the Cherry-trees.

Diervilla praecox. This name has been given to an early-flowering plant which has been sent from Japan to Europe but is not a native of Japan and is not known in its wild state, although it is probably a form of *Diervilla florida* from northern China. In the hands of Lemoine, the French hybridizer, a number of beautiful hybrids or varieties have been produced and are now in flower in the Shrub Collection. Among the handsomest of these are Seduction with red flowers, Espérance with pink flowers, Avant Garde with pale rose flowers, Vestale with white flowers, Gracieux with pink and white flowers, Floreal with rose-colored flowers, Conquérant with rose-colored flowers, and Fleur de Mai with pink flowers. These are less known but hardier and better garden plants here than many of the hybrid Weigelas more commonly cultivated.

Rosa Hugonis. Judging by its appearance this year, no plant sent from China to our northern gardens equals this Rose in grace and beauty. The long gracefully arching branches are so thickly covered with flowers from end to end that the petals touch and make a continuous band of pale yellow. The individual flowers are about two and a half inches in diameter and have a delicate perfume; the leaves are small and pale green. It is a hardy and fast-growing shrub, and has every appearance of becoming a large plant. Perhaps no other single-flowered Rose is so beautiful, although the Cherokee Rose, another Chinese Rose (*R. laevigata*) naturalized in the southern states, has handsomer foliage and larger flowers, but the flowers of the Cherokee Rose are white and are not produced in such profusion, and in the north the Cherokee Rose can only be grown under glass. *Rosa Hugonis* and *R. omeiensis*, a tall-growing, white-flowered species from Western China, are the earliest Roses to flower in the Arboretum this year.

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