red; the petals are white or occasionally tinged with rose color, and the anthers are bright yellow. The petals fall early but the calyx, which gradually grows brighter in color, remains for some time on the young fruit and is showy. *Prunus incisa* has been perfectly hardy here and none of the flower-buds were injured by the cold of last winter. It has the advantage, too, of flowering while still a small shrub. This Cherry has remained rare in American and European gardens and appears to be still little known.

Plums. The flower-buds of few Plum-trees have been injured and these trees promise to bloom unusually well this year. The first to flower have been the Canadian Cherry (*Prunus nigra*) and the Chinese *Prunus salicina*, the parent of the so-called Japanese Plums of pomologists. These will soon be followed by *Prunus alleghaniensis*, *P. americana*, *P. Watsonii*, *P. Munsoniana*, *P. hortulana*, *P. domestica*, and several others. The Plums are planted with the Apricots, which are also beginning to bloom, next the Cherries, near the junction of the Meadow and Valley Roads.

A pink-flowered Pear-tree. Among the Pear-trees raised from the seeds collected by Wilson in western China there are plants in the Peter's Hill Nursery and on the southern slope of Bussey Hill which have bloomed this year for the first time and have been conspicuous for their pale pink flowers which open from rose-colored buds. The flowers of all described species of *Pyrus* are pure white and this pink-flowered form is an interesting addition to the list of trees with showy flowers. It has been considered a variety of *Pyrus Calleryana* but differs from that Pear-tree in its smoother red brown bark, in the dense coat of tomentum which covers the branchlets, and in its earlier pink flowers not more than three-quarters of an inch in diameter, and, it is possible that when the fruit is known, it may prove a new species. The Chinese Pears have handsome foliage and beautiful flowers, and they are all excellent hardy ornamental trees in the Arboretum. They will bloom well this year, and the large specimen of *P. obovata* near the Forest Hills entrance has been covered with flowers during the week.

Some Maple Flowers. It is not often that the Sugar Maple (*Acer saccharum*) in Greater Boston so completely covers itself as it has this spring with its long gracefully drooping clusters of pale yellow flowers which early in May make this tree, although now less conspicuous than in the autumn, a charming feature of the northern forest. A true lover of the country, life in cities and their suburbs has little attraction for the Sugar Maple. It needs the free and pure air of the forest and of the country roadside, and finds its greatest happiness on the low hills of northern New England and Michigan, or in the rich protected valleys of the Appalachian Mountains. In such positions no Maple tree surpasses it in size and beauty, and few trees equal it in the splendor of the coloring of its autumn foliage. The large, cup-shaped bright red flowers of one of the forms of the Japanese *Acer diabolicum* (var. *purpurascens*) have been very beautiful this week, and as a spring-flowering tree this small Maple well deserves more general cultivation. The leaves, too, are large and handsome. There are three plants in the Maple Collection, and a number of others in the mixed plantations near the top of Peter's Hill.

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