handsomest and most widely distributed red-flowered species, *Aesculus discolor* var. *mollis*, when in flower one of the handsomest shrubs in the southern states. *Aesculus georgiana* with large red and yellow flowers in compact clusters, its variety *pubescens* and two hybrid Buckeyes, *Aesculus Bushii* and *A. Harbisonii*. While these have all escaped injury the summer-flowering *Aesculus parviflora*, which is an old inhabitant of northern gardens and which has not before been injured in the Arboretum, has lost many stems.

The earliest Roses. On May 17th the first flowers of the season on the earliest Roses opened, *Rosa Ecae* and *R. Hugonis*. The former is a native of central Asia and is a small, exceedingly spiny shrub with small leaves and pale canary yellow flowers not more than an inch in diameter. *R. Hugonis* is a large shrub with gracefully arching stems; the flowers are about two and a half inches in diameter, with bright clear yellow petals and are very fragrant. The plant in the Shrub Collection is not quite as full of flowers as it was last year, but for the next few days this Rose will be one of the most interesting and beautiful plants in the Arboretum.

Rhododendron (Azalea) japonicum is in bloom on the lower side of Azalea Path. This is one of the parents of the hybrid *Azalea mollis* of gardens, and has the flame-colored flowers of some of the forms of that plant. *R. japonicum*, however, is a much more desirable plant than any form of *Azalea mollis* which at best is only short-lived here. Although discovered and first described many years ago, *R. japonicum* has always been one of the least known in gardens of the hardy Azaleas. The large plants in the Arboretum were raised from seed brought from Japan by Professor Sargent in 1892, but little attention has been paid to them until recently as they were supposed to be *Azalea mollis*. Now it is believed here that *R. japonicum* is the handsomest of all the hardy Asiatic Azaleas and a garden plant of exceptional value. Although the Arboretum plants are not blooming as freely as last year, there are flowers enough on them to show their beauty.

Deutzia grandiflora flowered in the Arboretum for the first time three years ago and has been again in bloom among the Chinese Shrubs on Bussey Hill. It is a dwarf plant with flowers about three-quarters of an inch in diameter, and usually solitary or occasionally in two- or three-flowered clusters. It is a native of northern China and there is reason to hope that it may in the hands of a skilful hybridizer be as valuable as another north China species, *Deutzia parviflora*, was in producing a race of hardy garden Deutzias.

The flower-buds of the Flowering Dogwood (*Cornus florida*) are killed, and visitors to the Arboretum will be deprived this year of the enjoyment of the conspicuous flowers of this tree which is one of the most interesting inhabitants of the forests of eastern North America.

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