Cornel Collection on the right-hand side of the Meadow Road and in the Peter's Hill Nursery where the largest specimen in the Arboretum can be seen.

Early American Azaleas. The first flowers of the earliest of these plants, *R. (Azalea) Vaseyi*, have already faded. *R. nudiflora* and *R. canescens* have been in flower for a week on Azalea Path. Of the latter, which is a native of Massachusetts, there is a good mass on the right-hand side of the Meadow Road in front of the Lindens which for a long distance round has filled the air with delicate perfume. On Azalea Path the flower-buds of the Appalachian *R. (Azalea) calendulaceum* are already open. In flower the most beautiful of Azaleas, no other North American shrub equals it in the splendor of its bloom.

Berberis Vernae. Many of the new Barberries with deciduous leaves discovered by Wilson in western China bloom much later in the season, but a plant of *Berberis Vernae* in the collection of Chinese Shrubs on the slope of Bussey Hill is now covered with its short clusters of light yellow flowers. It is an attractive shrub with gracefully drooping branches and small bright green leaves, and promises to be a good addition to the large number of hardy Barberries which can be grown successfully in this climate.

Early Diervillas. The first of these plants to bloom, the Korean *Diervilla florida venusta*, is one of the hardiest and when in flower perhaps the handsomest of all the species and hybrids of *Diervilla*, better known as *Weigela*. The New England winter has no terrors for this Korean plant, and it has not before been more thickly covered with its handsome rose-colored flowers. It is growing in the Shrub Collection and on Hickory Path near Centre Street. Varieties or hybrids of *Diervilla praecox*, a plant of uncertain origin, raised recently in France, have flowered well this spring in the Shrub Collection and deserve the attention of the public. The following varieties have been conspicuous: *Vestale* with white flowers, *Gracieux* with pink and white flowers, *Conquérant* with rose-colored flowers, and *Fleur de Mai* with pink flowers.

Rosa spinosissima, var. altaica (or grandiflora) has not been hurt by the winter and has been full of flowers as usual. This is one of the largest and perhaps the handsomest of all the varieties of the so-called Scotch Rose. It is a native of southern Siberia and in this climate often grows six or seven feet tall and broad. The flowers are faintly tinged with yellow and are produced in great numbers. It is one of the handsomest and hardiest of all single-flowered Roses which can be grown in northern gardens; and as the plant produces suckers freely, and as these are easily transplanted, there is no reason why this Rose should not be more common than it is in American gardens.

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