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Summer-flowering Trees. Several interesting trees will flower in the Arboretum at different times during the next two months. Among these summer-flowering trees are the Chinese *Sophora japonica*, the Maackia of eastern Siberia, *Acanthopanax ricinifolius* from northern Japan, the arborescent Aralias from the southern United States and eastern Asia, the Korean and Chinese Evodias, the Sour Wood or Oxydendrum from our Southern States, the Chinese Koelreuteria and one of the American Catalpas (*C. bignonioides*). It is interesting that only three of these trees, one of the Aralias, the Sour Wood and the Catalpa are American, and that the others have been brought to this country from eastern Asia. The most important group, however, of summer-flowering trees is

The Lindens. The flowers of a few of the early flowering species of these trees, like the European *Tilia platyphyllos* and its varieties, and *T. vulgaris*, and the American *T. neglecta*, are already open; and during the next two or three weeks the flowers of different species of Linden-trees will open in the Arboretum and attract the bees to their richest harvest. Linden-trees are very generally distributed in all the temperate regions of the northern hemisphere with the exception of western North America and, in addition to numerous species, several hybrids are cultivated. All the species are very similar in flower and fruit, and chiefly vary in the size and shape of the leaves, in the presence or absence of hairs on the leaves and branchlets, and in the nature of their hairy covering when it occurs. A fact which is not easy to explain is the presence in the flowers of all the American species of

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