near Pekin, was first raised in the Arboretum thirty-seven years ago. It is a large, vigorous, hardy plant, with dark green leaves, and one of the best of the exotic shrubs which flower here the middle of June. Closely related to it are *Hydrangea xanthoneura* and its varieties *Wilsonii* and *setchuensis*, and *H. Rosthornii* raised here from seed collected by Wilson in western China. These plants are hardy and can now be seen covered with flowers in the collection of Chinese shrubs on Bussey Hill and on Hickory Path near Centre Street. As garden plants they do not appear to be in any way superior to *H. Bretschneideri*.

Rosa caudata is unfolding its pale pink petals which are nearly white toward the base. It is a large, strong-growing, hardy shrub with stout arching stems, dark green leaves, and flowers two inches in diameter, in wide clusters, each containing from twenty to twenty-five flowers. The fruit is orange red, an inch long, contracted above into a narrow neck crowned by the much enlarged calyx-lobes. It flowers at the same time as *Rosa Helenae*, and these two species, and *R. multiflora* var. *cathayensis*, are perhaps the handsomest of the Roses discovered by Wilson in western China.

Indigofera Potaninii. This beautiful little shrub from northern China is blooming again in the collection on Bussey Hill. As it grows here it is from three to four feet high, with a single stem and slender erect branches. The flowers are bright rose-color, half an inch long, in long-stalked, erect and spreading racemes from two to three inches in length. The flowers are of the same color, but are larger than those of *Indigofera amblyantha* which Wilson found in western China, and which until *I. Potaninii* bloomed in the Arboretum was considered the handsomest shrubby species which can be grown here.

Viburnum cassinoides adds much to the beauty of the Arboretum the middle of June. It is a native of swamps in the northeastern part of the country where it sometimes grows twenty feet high with slender straggling stems. In cultivation it forms a broad, low, round-topped bush, and has proved one of the handsomest of all the Viburnums introduced into the Arboretum. The leaves are thick and lustrous and vary greatly in size and shape. The flowers are slightly tinged with yellow and are borne in wide slightly convex clusters which also vary greatly in size. The fruit is larger than that of the other summer-flowering American Viburnums, and at first yellow-green later becomes pink, and finally blue-black and covered with a pale bloom, fruit of the three colors occurring in early autumn in the same cluster.

Magnolia glauca, or *virginiana* as botanists now want to call the Sweet Bay in the Magnolia Collection on the right-hand side of the Jamaica Plain entrance, is again covered with flowers. Often a large tree at the south, at the north this Magnolia is never more than a small tree, or more often a large shrub. The leaves are dark green and very lustrous on the upper surface and silvery-white on the lower surface; the flowers are small, cup-shaped, creamy-white and delightfully fragrant, and continue to open in succession from the middle of June until August. In all North America there is not a more delightful shrub to plant in the garden, or one that will give larger returns in beauty and fragrance; yet it is difficult to find it in any quantity in American nurseries, and it is unknown to most American planters of this gen-

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