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A few late-flowering shrubs. As the summer advances the number of trees and shrubs in flower in the Arboretum rapidly diminishes and in the last week of June their number is not large. Some of the most interesting of them are

Rhododendron maximum, with its pink and white flowers an inch long, in dense sixteen- to fourteen-flowered umbels four or five inches in diameter and overtopped by the fully grown branches of the year developed from buds in the axils of leaves just below the inflorescence bud. This growth of the branches before the opening of the flower-buds occurs in most late flowering Rhododendrons and hiding, in part at least, the flowers obscures their beauty. *Rhododendron maximum*, nevertheless, is a handsome and useful plant, with leaves larger and handsomer than those of any other Rhododendron which is hardy in this climate. Rare at the north where it grows in cold deep swamps in a few isolated stations in Nova Scotia, Ontario and New England, it is very abundant on the Appalachian Mountains from Pennsylvania to Georgia, making great impenetrable thickets along all the mountain streams and occasionally growing to a height of thirty or forty feet and forming a trunk a foot in diameter. When cultivated this Rhododendron grows well in any soil which is not impregnated with lime; it will grow, too, in comparatively dense shade and when fully exposed to the sun. When exposed to the sun, however, it is often badly injured by the lacewing fly. Several hybrids between *R. maximum* and *R. catawbiense* hybrids have been raised. One of the earliest and the best known of these hybrids, *R. delicatissimum*, is a handsome plant with pink and white flowers which open two or three weeks before those of *R. maximum* and are not hidden by young branches. *Rhodo-*

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