tempts to transplant them. The seedlings, too, make only one growth in the season and so increase slowly. It is therefore doubtful if the spread of this plant will be as rapid in American gardens as was hoped a few years ago when it was first brought to this country.

Rhododendron (Azalea) yedoense var. poukhanense, which is the first Azalea in the Arboretum to open its flower-buds, has been in full bloom for several days on Azalea Path where there is a large mass of these plants. This is a very hardy shrub widely distributed in Korea from the neighborhood of Seoul southward, and grows generally in open Pine-woods and on grass-covered slopes where it forms dense mats rarely more than three feet high, although in more sheltered shaded positions it is occasionally as much as six feet tall. Here in the Arboretum in full exposure to the sun it forms dense mat-like bushes from two to two and a half feet tall and three feet or more in diameter. This Azalea is perfectly hardy in the Arboretum where it first flowered in 1914. The flowers are clustered, with a rose or rosy purple corolla, and are more fragrant than those of any other Azalea in the Arboretum collection. On Azalea Path these Korean Azaleas are growing close to plants of *Fothergilla major* and *F. monticola* which are now also in bloom, and the snow white flowers of the Fothergillas contrasting delightfully with the rose-colored flowers of the Azaleas suggest a good color scheme for the spring garden.

Early-flowering Viburnums. The first Viburnum to bloom in the Arboretum this year is *Viburnum alnifolium*, the Hobblebush or Moosewood of cold, wet northern woods. It is a large shrub spreading by shoots from the roots, with broad flat clusters of small flowers surrounded by a ring of large pure white neutral flowers, dark green leaves with prominent veins, which turn orange and scarlet in the autumn, and fruit in drooping clusters, bright red at first when fully grown and dark blue or nearly black at maturity. This is one of the handsomest of the American Viburnums but it has proved a difficult plant to establish here, although in other Massachusetts gardens it has grown better than it has in the Arboretum, where, however, it at last appears to have become accustomed to its surroundings. Another Viburnum is in flower in the group of these plants near the upper end of the Bussey Hill Road and on Hickory Path near Centre Street. This is the Korean *Viburnum Carlesii* and one of the hardiest and most beautiful shrubs which the gardens of America have obtained from eastern Asia. Its greatest value is found in the white waxy flowers which are arranged in small, very compact, nearly globose clusters and open from rose-colored buds. As the flowers do not all open at once the buds among the white flowers add to the beauty and interest of the flower-clusters in early spring. The flowers of no other Viburnum and of few other hardy plants are as fragrant as those of *Viburnum Carlesii*. It is a plant which should be in every northern garden. Unfortunately seeds are produced rarely in this country. It has suffered, too, from the fact that Japanese nurserymen have for several years sent to this country as this species a Japanese plant called *Viburnum bitchuense* which is in every way inferior as a garden plant. This Viburnum is also in flower near *V. Carlesii* in the Viburnum group.

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