This handsome tree has flowered now for several years in the Arboretum. *E. Henryi*, a common inhabitant of western Hupeh where Wilson found it growing to a larger size than the other Chinese species of this genus, is also established and flowers in the Arboretum.

Summer Flowering Shrubs. Many handsome shrubs which can be grown successfully in this climate do not bloom till after midsummer. There are few Americans who have travelled in Scotland in summer who have not been impressed by the beauty of the Heather (*Calluna vulgaris*) or have not felt the desire to introduce it to their homes. The Heather, however, has remained a comparatively rare plant here although it is hardy and easy to grow in nearly all parts of the northern states and eastern Canada where the soil is not impregnated with lime. In one or two places in northern Massachusetts and in Nova Scotia it has become completely naturalized, and on one New England estate where it was planted only a few years ago it is spreading rapidly over large areas. Heather should be planted in well drained sandy soil in situations exposed to the sun, and the plants look better and flower better if the stems are cut down close to the ground in early spring. This prevents a straggling growth and insures a better bloom. There are a number of handsome and interesting varieties of the Heather in the Arboretum collection. Some of the best of these are the variety *alba* with white flowers; the variety *alba minor*, a plant of dwarfer habit than the last; var. *rubra*, a dwarf compact variety with crimson flowers, and one of the earliest to flower and one of the handsomest of the set; var. *tomentosa*, a compact plant with gray-green foliage and red flowers; var. *alba Serlei*, a tall growing form with white flowers; vars. *alba tenella* and *alba rigida* with white flowers; var. *Alportii*, a tall growing form with crimson flowers; and var. *hypnoides*, a very compact, small-leaved plant producing only sparingly its small purple flowers. These plants can be seen in the Shrub Collection; quantities of Heather have also been planted on the side of the Valley Road.

Among other shrubs still to flower in the Arboretum are *Aesculus parviflora*, from the southeastern United States, and the North American and Japanese Clethras or Spice-bushes. North American and Japanese Hydrangeas, many Spiraeas, Hypericums, Callicarpas, Lespedezas with their abundant purple flowers, and the Chinese Buddleias will later give interest to the Shrub Collection, in which the silver leaved Lead plant (*Amorpha canescens*) of the western plains and prairies has not yet opened its showy blue-purple flowers.

Perhaps the most generally planted shrub in the United States among those which bloom in summer is the form of the Japanese *Hydrangea paniculata* (var. *grandiflora*), in which the whole inflorescence is composed of sterile white ray flowers which surround the inflorescence of the normal form of many other *Hydrangeas*. This abnormal inflorescence is oblong, bluntly-pointed, and often a foot or more in length and so heavy that the slender stems are often not able to support it. The flowers, which are white when they open, turn to a rather dirty red color; and it is not easy to find an uglier garden shrub.

These Bulletins will now be discontinued until the autumn.

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