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Pieris or **Andromeda floribunda**, judging by an experience of over fifty years, is the only broad-leaved evergreen to which nothing ever happens in this climate. It is not attacked by borers, the leaves never become discolored, and the flower-buds formed in autumn and almost as conspicuous during the winter as the flowers are not injured by the lowest temperature which has been recorded in southern New England. It is a round-topped shrub of compact habit, sometimes eight or ten feet across and five or six feet high, with small pointed, dark green leaves and short terminal clusters of pure white flowers. A native of high altitudes on the southern Appalachian Mountains, this shrub is rare and local in its distribution as a wild plant, but for more than a century has been valued in England and largely propagated by English nurserymen. It can be found in several American nurseries and is now covered in the Arboretum with its pure white flowers. A comparatively small compact shrub, it is more valuable for general planting than any of the dwarf *Rhododendrons*.

Amelanchiers. The Shad Bushes, as *Amelanchiers* are often called because they are supposed to bloom when shad begin to ascend the rivers from the sea, add much in early May to the beauty of the Arboretum. It is a genus in which North America has almost a monopoly as only one small shrubby species grows on the mountains of central Europe, and another in China and Japan. In North America it grows in many forms from the Atlantic to the Pacific and from Newfoundland to the Gulf States. Some of the species are trees and others large or small shrubs; they flower in the spring before the leaves ap-

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