fully in this climate the Laurel is perhaps the most satisfactory. It is not perhaps strange that so little attention has been paid to it by American gardeners, for those of the earlier generations at least derived their inspiration almost entirely from England and usually despised American plants as too common for their attention. Now that it is impossible under Federal regulations to import plants with soil at their roots the Laurel will probably become much more generally used in this country than it has ever been before. No hybrids have yet been raised and the only distinct forms are natural ones. Of these there are plants with pure white flowers (var. *alba*), and one with deep pink-red flowers and dark leaves (var. *rubra*). Between these extremes there are others with all shades of pink, and there is one with flowers conspicuously marked by a chocolate band (var. *fuscata*). There is a dwarf form (var. *myrtifolia*) with small leaves and small clusters of minute flowers; and there is one in which the corolla is deeply divided into narrow lobes (var. *polypetala*). A form with broad, handsome Rhododendron-like leaves (var. *obtusata*) rarely flowers, and another with a six-lobed corolla has recently been found on the Blue Ridge in North Carolina. The Laurel Collection is easily reached from the Walter Street and South Street entrances of the Arboretum, and persons interested in a beautiful floral display should not fail to see it.

A few interesting plants are growing among the Laurels at the northern base of Hemlock Hill, including the only plant in the Arboretum of the American *Ilex opaca*, the largest specimen of *Abies grandis* from the northwestern part of the country, the best plant in the Arboretum of the Japanese *Tsuga diversifolia*, as well as a group of the Sour Wood (*Oxydendron arboreum*). Here, too, can be seen the best plant of the Japanese *Torreya* in the Arboretum. Across the road from the great bank of Hemlocks are many interesting plants, including among others the largest plants of the Japanese Yew in the Arboretum, and of the native Inkberry, the evergreen *Ilex glabra*. The Inkberry is a common shrub in the coast region from New Hampshire to Texas. It has been established in the Arboretum for many years but occasionally in severe winters loses here the ends of some of the branches and many of the upper leaves. It soon recovers and must be considered one of the best evergreen shrubs which can be grown in New England. The best plants of the prostrate form of *Juniperus chinensis Sargentii* are growing also in this border, as well as the best specimen of *Leucothoe floribunda*. Here, too, is the Sheep Laurel (*Kalmia angustifolia*), a red-flowered dwarf species common in northern pastures.

Rosa spinosissima, Scotch Roses, are now in bloom in the Shrub Collection. The handsomest perhaps is the variety *altaica* with petals faintly tinged with yellow toward their base, the varieties *hispida* and *lutea* with yellow flowers, and the variety *fulgens* with pale pink flowers; these are all single. Other varieties in the Arboretum are *cestiflora* and *pusilla*. From the gardens of the Duke of Dalkeith, near Edinburgh, the Arboretum received a few years ago a collection of Scotch Roses for which this garden was once famous; these are Jupiter with pale pink single flowers, Lady Baillie with small yellow flowers, Dominie Samson, King of the Scots, Plato, Pythagoras and Iris.

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