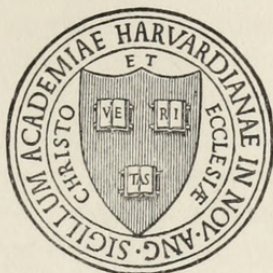


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**Crabapples.** The Crabapples when in flower make one of the chief spectacular displays of the year in the Arboretum and only the flowers of the Lilacs attract a larger number of visitors. Many of these plants are covered with buds, a few will flower sparingly or not at all this year, but the general display will be an average one but not as good as that of last year when all the plants were covered with flowers. The collection is arranged on the left-hand side of the Forest Hills Road and at the eastern base of Peter's Hill, a short distance from the gate at the corner of South and Bussey Streets. The oldest and largest plants are near the Forest Hills gate but there are a larger number of species and varieties on Peter's Hill.

The genus *Malus* extends around the northern hemisphere and is best represented in eastern Asia. The North American species are found from the Atlantic to the Pacific and bloom much later than the Asiatic species, and will be discussed in a later Bulletin. The two European or eastern Asiatic species, *Malus pumila* and *M. sylvestris*, are not in the collection although the former is perhaps the most valuable tree in the world as it is the parent of the edible apple. A few of the early Asiatic Crabapples are—

***Malus baccata mandshurica*,** which began to open its flower-buds more than a week ago, is the earliest of the Asiatic plants to flower. It is a native of Manchuria, Korea and northern Japan, and is an eastern form of the better known *M. baccata*, the Siberian Crabapple, which reached Europe more than a century ago and for a long time was one of only two of the Asiatic Crabapples known in European



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