Summer-flowering Trees. A few trees flower in summer here and add to the interest of the Arboretum at a season of the year when there are comparatively few flowers or ripe fruits to be seen. Among these are:

Sophora japonica, which is growing on the right hand side of the Bussey Hill Road, and is now covered with flower-buds which will open in the course of the next two weeks. This is a Chinese tree, in spite of its name, which has been cultivated in Japan for more than a thousand years but which as it first reached Europe from Japan was supposed to be a native of that country. The bark of the young branches and the leaves are dark green, and the small, white, pea-shaped flowers are produced in narrow, erect terminal clusters. This tree has a trunk covered with a rough pale bark and the old trees in the squares of Peking, where it has been largely planted, look in the distance like great Oak-trees. There are in the Arboretum collection in addition to the type the form with long pendulous branches (var. pendula), a favorite with those who fancy trees of abnormal growth although it rarely ever flowers, the form with erect branches (var. pyramidalis), and the form (var. rosea) on which the flowers are slightly tinged with rose color.

Evodias are small summer-flowering trees of the Rue Family widely distributed in eastern Asia, and found also in Madagascar and Australia. The species have pinnate leaves, white or pinkish flowers in small clusters terminal on the shoots of the year, and dry, capsular fruit. Like the Phellodendron, to which Evodia is related, they are

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