The Prunus Tribe are the first trees to blossom in spring and so numerous are the members that different sorts are in bloom over a period of at least five weeks. Our first Bulletin told of certain single-flowered Japanese Cherries. Their double-flowering brethren will open their flowers in another week when they shall receive due recognition. The Sargent Cherry near the Forest Hills Gate is aglow with ruddy-tinted young leaves and nearby is a shapely tree of *Prunus avium* (the Gean or Mazzard) laden with pure white blossoms. This is a handsome tree of more or less pyramidal habit, growing 60 feet tall, with a trunk, occasionally 6 feet in girth, clothed with polished, chestnut-brown bark. It is a native of Europe and the Sweet Cherries of our orchards are descended from it. There is a double-flowered form (*plena*) which opens its blossoms a week later than the type. In bud the flowers are flushed delicate pink but when fully expanded they are pure white, an inch to an inch and a half across, with about thirty to forty petals lasting long in beauty. It has been known for two centuries, but like many other good trees is all too rarely seen in American gardens.

*Prunus Cerasus.* Later to blossom is *P. Cerasus*, the Sour Cherry, also native of Europe but as an ornamental much inferior to the Gean. There are, however, two double-flowered forms of this Cherry of great value. One known as *plena* has semi-double flowers, white, each one and a half inches across. This is a round-topped tree, seldom more than 25 feet tall, with a thick trunk clothed with rugged, dark gray bark. More double are the flowers on the variety *Rhexii*, often known as *multiplex* or *ranunculiflora*, which is characterized by very double flowers in which two green leafy pistils stand prominently forth. The flowers are of the purest white, an inch and one half across, drooping from long stalks. The tree is a worthy rival of the double-flowered Gean which blossoms two weeks earlier. *Prunus Cerasus* is the parent of the Morello Cherries of our orchards. There are several other forms of the Gean and Sour Cherry but those mentioned are the best and most worthy.

*Prunus japonica Nakaii.* An old denizen of gardens is *P. japonica*, a twiggy shrub, growing from three to five feet tall, native of the

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