In June and July each shoot is crowded with clustered yellow flowers. A prostrate plant, with flattened winged stems and racemes of yellow blossoms in June, is *G. sagittalis*, which is both hardy and accommodating.

**Cytisus purpureus.** Forming tufted masses of stems from 10 to 24 inches tall there are several species of Cytisus and half a dozen of Genista. All are neat in appearance and in season abundant of blossom. A splendid member of the group is the Purple Broom (*C. purpureus*), which in late May is aglow with rose-purple blossoms. Its stems are a foot and a half tall, spreading into irregular-shaped mats a fathom wide. This is one of the most useful as well as most hardy of all Brooms.

*Cytisus elongatus* is a taller plant with shoots close packed with pale yellow flowers. One of the hardiest of the Brooms it is at its best in late May and June. Two other hardy species are *C. glabrescens* and *C. leucaanthus*. In the last-named the flowers are cream color, borne in dense terminal heads; in *C. glabrescens* they are yellow, axillary and clustered.

**Early Roses.** The first Rose to open its blossoms is *Rosa omeiensis*, native of central and western China. This is a vigorous growing plant, with small fern-like leaves and 4-petalled blossoms shaped like a Maltese Cross, which are followed in late June by scarlet hips, each with a succulent stalk, orange-colored at the base. The stems of this Rose are covered with bristles and flattened, bright crimson, translucent prickles.

*Rosa Hugonis.* This most popular Rose is now opening its saucer-shaped flowers, and soon the stems will be arching sprays of blossoms and the bush a fountain of soft yellow. When thrifty and happy this is one of the most beautiful of hardy shrubs. It should be remembered, however, that the individual shoots of this Rose do not live forever. They die to the ground, and this has caused much disappointment to lovers of this Rose. Courage, however, may be taken in knowledge that if the plant be on its own roots, as it always should be, it will continue over a long period to send up each year stout shoots from the ground and maintain the Rose a long lived, neat shaped bush. The pruning of this and other Rose species consists in the removal of old and worn out canes.

*Rosa spinosissima altaica.* The Altai Rose is expanding its large pure white blossoms. This is one of the most beautiful of all hardy Roses and a fitting companion to *R. Hugonis*. It has been growing in the Arboretum since 1887, and beyond the cutting away of old canes has never required attention. Perfectly hardy and abundantly floriferous, it ought to be grown throughout the colder parts of this country. This, with *R. Hugonis* and many varieties of *R. spinosissima*, including the pale yellow flowered var. *luteola*, may be seen in the Shrub Garden.

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