

**FLOWERS OF RARE BEAUTY WELCOME VISITORS
TO DELIGHTFUL RETREATS OF GLENWOOD PARK**



Sheep Berry



High Bush Cranberry

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Red-osier Dogwood.



Hawthorn.

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SEVERAL interesting plants, natives of the state but not indigenous to this vicinity, are now flowering in the wild garden—a cactus whose globose spiny balls bear sessile pale yellow, disklike flowers, and still retain the bright red knobs of fruit that were formed last season; mandrake or May-apple, suggestive of tropic lands, its two strange umbrella leaves almost concealing the single white shallow flower cup; shooting starts displaying large clusters of blue, white or rose colored flowers, taking aim with their pistils (pistils), the petals closely reflexed like miniature eyelids; two species of twayblade—small orchids—with flowers frail as gossamer and resembling tiny butterflies poised for flight.

This is the orchid season. The large and the small yellow lady's slipper, the two-leaved pink and the rarer white cypripedium are in bloom; also the little coral roots, yellow and leafless, because they feed like the mushroom on

organic matter. Here and there are patches of the lovely showy orchis, pink and white, and deliciously fragrant.

In the swamp and meadow are various white flowers, the dwarf cornel, the delicate star flower, smilacinas, wild lily of the valley and the buckbean, with petals of eiderdown. Here, too, is the medicinal valerian. It has compact clusters of small yellowish flowers and shows individuality in its foliage, having some leaves entire and ribbon-like, and others broader and deeply divided.

The Greek valerian, a member of the phlox family and no relation to the real valerian, blooms at the same time in rich woodlands, with foliage like a vetch and pale blue flower bells. Close by may be seen Mertensia, or Virginia cowslips, with larger blue bells borne on slender tubes, and with broad, entire leaves.

The flowering shrubs from the most distinctive feature of the wild garden. The cherries are just out of bloom.

A chokecherry almost as large as an apple tree and numerous cherry bushes have been loaded with graceful drooping racemes. The large, flat-topped flower clusters of dogwoods and viburnum gleam white among the tamaracks and throughout the higher grounds, the hawthorns are a wondrous sight, covered with snowy drifts of bloom. It is a question if there are any finer shrubs than these. They all provide feasts for the birds, who (which doesn't stand for bird) do not seem to object to having their tongues puckered by the astringent chokecherries. The dogwoods have attractive fruit, either blue or white; the viburnums, brilliant autumnal foliage; and the bright yellow or red fruits of the hawthorn are more enduring than those of most plants.

Arrangements can be made with Miss Butler to visit the wild garden. Telephone in the evening to engage for the following day. Tel. N. W. Colfax 1689.