

them bringing seeds, plants, and cuttings to be used in the making of their gardens. The old estates in many cases were laid out very elaborately. Although a young nation and country ours is noted for its many large botanical gardens and conservatories in connection with its city parks.

At Washington, D. C., is one of the largest gardens of the country where continuously plants from all over the world are being sent by government experts to be tested and studied by scientists for the purpose of finding those best adapted to the different sections of our country.

Trees, shrubs, and plants of many varieties coming to us from Japan and China are excellent as they are very hardy and free from disease. Only those that have spent many hours in the garden near the Capitol building have any idea of the many interesting specimens which are to be found there. The Mall and Potomac park with its famous Japanese Cherry trees make a beautiful garden picture in the spring. The first of these trees were planted by Mrs. Wm. Howard Taft. The New York Botanical gardens containing conservatory and greenhouses is one of the interesting places to be visited. This has an area of a number of acres. The Arnold Arboretum near Cambridge, Mass., called "one of the most beautiful gardens of the world" where grows a very large collection of trees, shrubs and plants assembled from all parts of the world and arranged to make a striking ensemble, should not be missed by anyone who enjoys the beautiful in the great out-of-doors.

#### Belle Isle

Belle Isle, Detroit, Mich., with its sunken garden, conservatory, and other interesting features is one of the nature's beauty spots visited by hundreds of thousands yearly. Just a few miles away at Dearborn, Mich., Mrs. Henry Ford has the most beautiful rose garden in the world containing 623 varieties of roses and ten thousand rose bushes; these combined with its rapids where many gallons of water pour over a corrugated incline every second, its two lakes where the sun sky and the roses of every color are reflected in their waters, a pergola at one end and a summer house enclosed with glass at the other, is a scene that once viewed can never be forgotten. Surrounding this supreme domain of the queen of the floral kingdom are grounds landscaped for beautiful effects.

Chicago with its park system extending for miles, its boulevards connecting them, its conservatories, lakes, golf links, baseball grounds, and tennis courts, comprise one of the great garden areas of the middle west.

#### North Shore Cemetery

About four miles north of Lake Forest on Waukegan road, Route 42A, the Arboretum at North Shore cemetery of over one hundred varieties of trees and nearly as many more of blooming shrubs with its hundreds of hybrid tea roses blooming from late June to late October make a charming place to spend a few hours.

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