



**THE MUME, OR JAPANESE APRICOT.**

(*Prunus mume* Sieb. and Zucc.)

Before the first flowers of Forsythia have commenced to expand, even before the crocus dares to show its head, *Prunus mume* bursts into full bloom and fills the garden with the fragrance of springtime. Some varieties are almost as showy as the double-flowered Japanese cherries; furthermore, they not only bloom 2 weeks to 20 days earlier than the latter but have the distinct advantage of being deliciously fragrant. (Photographed by E. L. Crandall, March 10, 1921; P26882FS.)