

in Takoma Park, D. C. It is now a small tree of attractive proportions and has blossomed for 6 or 7 years. Its single stem is 16 inches in circumference at the base, the tree is 16 feet high with a spread of 11 feet, and the last year's growth is about 12 inches long. The wood is stiff and splits off easily.

"As compared with the native Virginia Fringe tree (*Chionanthus virginica*), it excels it in several characters: (1) It grows quite naturally into a single-stemmed tree, rather than a many-stemmed bush, as often happens with our Fringe tree. It reaches a size somewhat larger than our Flowering dogwood, and grows more rapidly while young. (2) Its leaves are smaller than those of our native form, and give the tree a more open and graceful aspect. (3) Its flowers are carried with more grace than our species; the clusters are smaller and more erect. (4) The color of the flowers is pure white, while ours are often tinged with green. (5) Furthermore, the flowers have an attractive fragrance which the Virginia Fringe tree lacks. The flowers open in mid-May, coming with well-developed foliage, while the flowers of our species are largely on bare twigs.

"This species is reported to be practically dioecious but it has regularly matured fruits, which are purple, olive-shaped drupes about half an inch long. Various birds are very fond of the flesh of these." (D. N. Shoemaker, Takoma Park, D. C., April 4, 1924.)

**KOLKWITZIA AMABILIS** (Caprifoliaceae), 38832. From Shensi, China. "It is to be regretted that the first half of the binomial of this excellent shrub is not as lovely as the latter half. It will undoubtedly become popular however in spite of its harsh and outlandish name. We have become accustomed to the names 'Tolstoi' and 'Kosciusko,' so why not 'Kolkwitzia'?"

"My specimen was secured in 1917, and is now at seven years of age a bush 7 feet high, with a spread of 8 feet. It resembles the bush honeysuckles in growth, but has larger flowers, which are produced with great profusion, and completely cover the plant. They open about the middle of May, coming after the leaves are well started. The flower is fairly clear white, tinged with pink on the outside, narrowly tubular at the base expanding into a wider tube, and crowned with five rounded spreading lobes. After the flowers have fallen the fruits form an interesting feature of the shrub. They are dry capsules covered by conspicuous brownish hairs.

"It does not offer many offsets at the base for propagation, but grows readily from well-ripened green-wood cuttings taken in summer. The older stems shed their bark in characteristic flakes which usually cling to the stem by one side but become loosened for half the way round.

"Kolkwitzia is in appearance a bush honeysuckle with flowers the