

satisfactory shade tree in this hot region, having a spreading top with somewhat drooping branches covered with small, dark-green leaves. The plant is a most prolific bearer. The fruits when ripe are like Haws in mealiness, and they are keenly relished by the Arabs. They are about one-half to three-fourths inch in diameter. This so-called seedless sort is, paradoxically enough, propagated by seed, and is said to come true to them. It is a tree well suited to the banks of irrigation canals in the hottest regions which we have." (*Fairchild.*)

8703. ZIZYPHUS JUJUBA.**Jujube.**

From Bassorah, Arabia. Received through Messrs. Lathrop and Fairchild, May 22, 1902.

"Seeds of the common jujube largely grown throughout this arid country." (*Fairchild.*)

8704. QUERCUS CORNEA.**Oak.**

From Hongkong, China. Received through Messrs. Lathrop and Fairchild (No. 950, April 29, 1902), May 22, 1902.

"Edible acorns from a species of oak which grows in southern China, even on the island of Hongkong. The acorns have a hard, horny shell and a sweet flesh of very agreeable flavor. The acorns are sent in very large quantities to Hongkong from Canton. They are eaten by the Chinese with great pleasure, and are often roasted. They would be acceptable, I believe, to Americans, and the tree ought to do well in the Southern States. If the tree, which is a pretty one, proves a success, large quantities can be had through the botanic gardens at Hongkong, but only at this season of the year." (*Fairchild.*)

8705. PRUNUS sp.**Plum.**

From Hongkong, China. Received through Messrs. Lathrop and Fairchild (No. 951, April 19, 1902), May 22, 1902.

"A beautiful little plum, said to be grown in Canton. It was purchased on the Hongkong market. It is of a beautiful, transparent, wine red color, with a delicate skin which is covered with the finest, most delicate pubescence imaginable, resembling a bloom which can not be rubbed off. When ripe the fruit has a delicate, agreeable aroma, which is that of a half-ripe Japanese quince. In taste the plum is not very good, but decidedly refreshing. It is sour with a slightly bitter taste. The flesh is yellow in color and inclined to be solid and stringy. The stone is a cling, being covered with many long fibers. In shape it is pointed with a distinct keel. The skin is very delicate but in flavor is *intensely bitter*. It separates from the flesh with difficulty." (*Fairchild.*)

8706. CITRUS AURANTIUM.**Orange.**

From Kabylia, Algeria. Presented by Dr. L. Trabut, Government Botanist, Mustapha, Algiers, Algeria. Received May 26, 1902.

Bandja. A late, sweet orange, which reproduces itself from seed.

8707. PISTACIA MUTICA.**Menengech.**

From Smyrna, Asia Minor. Presented by Mr. George C. Roeding, of Fresno, Cal. Received May 26, 1902.

8708. PRITCHARDIA MARTII.**Fan palm.**

From Oloa, Hawaii. Presented by Mr. Jared G. Smith, special agent in charge of the Hawaii Agricultural Experiment Station at Honolulu.

From an altitude of from 2,000 to 2,500 feet.

8709. EUCOMMIA ULMOIDES.

From Paris, France. Received through Vilmorin-Andrieux & Co., May 29, 1902.

Tu Chung. Rooted cuttings of this Chinese plant. It is used medicinally. It is claimed that the leaves contain a large amount of gutta-percha.