



PRUNUS MIRA, THE NEW SPECIES OF PEACH RECENTLY DISCOVERED NEAR TACHIENLU, SZECHWAN, CHINA, BY MR. E. H. WILSON, OF THE ARNOLD ARBORETUM. (S. P. I. No. 34601.)

It is remarkably distinct from *Amygdalus persica*, having a smooth stone and characteristic leaf scars. In this photograph, taken at the Brooksville (Fla.) Field Station on March 31, 1914, this tree, which is 2 years old, will be seen to be entirely dormant, while the branches of the two other peaches (*Amygdalus persica*), the one in Mr. Fulton's right hand, a seedling, and the other a Guadeloupe Island peach which retained its leaves all winter, were in full leaf. This habit of starting late in the spring, which it has shown at the Arnold Arboretum as well as in Florida, will probably be of great interest and importance to breeders of peaches, inasmuch as it may lead to the origination of peach varieties which bloom later in the season. The fruit of this new wild species is about an inch in diameter and edible. Photographed by Mr. David Fairchild, Brooksville, Fla., March 31, 1914.