

37948 to 37955—Continued. (Quoted notes by Mr. F. N. Meyer.)

37948. "(No. 1181. A local variety of persimmon, said to be large, and of elongated, square form, with a constriction running around close to the calyx. Color red; contains few seeds as a rule. Can be dried or kept fresh for a long time, and is considered to be a very good variety. The trees grow to be tall, but have well-formed heads. Chinese name *Ssü lêng shih tzü*, meaning 'four-squared persimmon.' This and the following varieties are grown on an open plain on sandy loam, and they may possibly be hardier than other varieties. According to Father Petrie, of the Roman Catholic Mission at Tsaochowfu, these persimmons are injured by cold whenever the mercury goes below zero F. The stocks, which are *Diospyros lotus*, never freeze locally, being able to stand severe cold, apparently."

37949. "(No. 1182.) A local variety of persimmon, said to be large, of round form, with rounded-off top. Color yellow, seedless; can be dried or kept fresh for a long time; considered to be a fine variety. The trees are of sturdy growth and are prolific bearers. Chinese name *Pên shih tzü*, meaning 'original persimmon.'"

37950. "(No. 1183.) A local variety of persimmon, said to be medium large; of round, pointed form, with a square base. Seedless; can be kept fresh for a long time. Chinese name *Yu lou t'ou shih tzü*, meaning 'oil-basket persimmon.'"

37951. "(No. 1184.) A local variety of persimmon, said to be small, of round, flattened shape, with square base. Color yellow; seedless. Is generally eaten pickled in brine. Chinese name *Yen shih tzü*, meaning 'salted persimmon.'"

37952. "(No. 1185.) A local variety of persimmon, said to be small, of round, flattened form, with top slightly curved in. Of yellow color; seedless. A very early ripener; good only when fresh. Chinese name *Pa yüeh huang shih tzü*, meaning 'eighth moon yellow persimmon.'"

37953. *POPULUS TOMENTOSA* Carr. Salicaceæ.

Poplar.

From near Lungkuchi, Shantung, China.

"(No. 1189. March 13, 1914.) The tall-growing North Chinese white poplar, especially recommended as a shade and avenue tree for deep, sandy lands in semiarid regions. See former notes [S. P. I. No. 37542.]"

37954. *CHAENOMELES LAGENARIA CATHAYENSIS* (Hemsl.) Schneider.
(*Cydonia cathayensis* Hemsl.) Malaceæ. Quince.

From Tsaochowfu, Shantung, China.

"(No. 1190. March 11, 1914.) A large-fruited variety of Chinese quince, much grown on the sandy loam around Tsaochowfu."

For previous introductions and descriptions, see S. P. I. Nos. 35458 and 35639.

37955. *CRATAEGUS PINNATIFIDA* Bunge. Malaceæ.

Hawthorn.

From Tsaochowfu, Shantung, China.

"(No. 1191. March 11, 1914.) A medium large fruited variety of Chinese haw, of beautiful red color, much used preserved and as a jelly. Chinese name *Hung kuo*, meaning 'red fruit.'"