



AN ORCHARD OF THE LARGE-FRUITED CHINESE HAWTHORN (*CRATAEGUS PINNATIFIDA* BUNGE) NEAR TAIANFU, SHANTUNG, CHINA. (SEE S. P. I. No. 38796.)

An extensive orchard of large-fruited Chinese hawthorn trees, showing the dense and low branching habit of this tree. There is such a great demand for these fruits that the farmers are steadily increasing their plantings. The hawthorns (or haws) have never been considered by Americans as valuable fruit trees, although there are species which bear distinctly fine flavored fruits. The existence in China of these orchards of a large-fruited grafted variety, as described by Mr. Frank N. Meyer, suggests the possibility of improving our own American hawthorns and selecting and grafting the best flavored, largest fruited seedlings. The jelly made from the fruit of this Chinese species is considered by Americans in China a distinct delicacy. (Photographed by Frank N. Meyer, March 29, 1914; P13074FS.)