



AN OLD SOAP-BEAN TREE (*GLEDITSIA SINENSIS* LAM.) NEAR TIENTANGYI, SHENSI, CHINA. (SEE S. P. I. No. 38800.)

A large old tree found in a dry place. The dense head of branches is characteristic of this species of honey locust as seen on the Sianfu plain. It is a long-lived beautiful shade tree with long stout spines and well-rounded head of dense branches and foliage. It is remarkably resistant to drought and a valuable ornamental park and shade tree for the semiarid sections of the United States. The large thick pods, which contain considerable quantities of saponin, are sliced and used as a substitute for soap. No. 38800 is a large-podded variety of this interesting tree. (Photographed by Frank N. Meyer, January 23, 1915; P12160FS.)