

Mr. Frank N. Meyer, Agricultural Explorer of the Department of Agriculture, has discovered in the Shansi Province of China a true wild apricot, the kernels of which are pickled in brine and eaten, as appetizers by the natives (S. P. I. No. 39439), and in the mountains south of Sianfu, Shensi Province (S. P. I. No. 39428), and again in Chaoyu, Shansi Province (S. P. I. No. 39544), a small, sour, but freestone wild peach, which may be of decided importance to peach breeders. *Prinsepia uniflora*, which he found near Fucheng, a spiny shrub, very decorative in May, and bearing fruits which resemble cherries, being dark red in color, quite juicy, and sour, may add a useful hardy fruiting shrub to the gardens of this country (S. P. I. No. 39432). A *Prinsepia* introduced by Wilson has proved hardy in the Arnold Arboretum.

Chinese place and plant names in this inventory have been brought, as far as possible, into accord with the best authorities, the geographic names (except when fixed by decisions of the United States Geographic Board) being given in the form accepted by the Chinese Ministry of Communications Postal Guide. Many of the smaller village names, however, are not listed therein, and in all such cases the location of the village is given with reference to the nearest town mentioned in that work.

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