

from central China, with delicate purplish rose blooms, *Rosa sertata* (No. 40193).

Through the courtesy of Prof. Sargent, of the Arnold Arboretum, seeds have been received of a number of the rare shade, park, timber, and ornamental trees from foreign countries which have proved hardy at Jamaica Plain, Mass., and are worthy of a wider trial in the Northern States (Nos. 39983 to 39998).

Chinese names in this inventory have been brought, so 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 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 valuable reference work.

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