

39897 to 39924—Continued. (Quoted notes by Mr. F. N. Meyer.)

Britain in 1774. This species, whilst not particularly showy, is quite distinct from all other spiræas in its foliage, which in shape and color is more suggestive of a spurge (*Euphorbia*) than the genus to which it belongs. Shrubs 4 feet high are often as much as 7 feet through." (*W. J. Bean, Trees and Shrubs Hardy in the British Isles, vol. 2, p. 357, under Spiræa laevigata.*)

39918. PRUNUS STIPULACEA Maxim. (?) Amygdalaceæ. Cherry.

"No. 1244. A wild cherry, bearing apparently very small fruits; found in somewhat moist and semishady situations. Grows into a tall shrub with many stems. Collected at an altitude of more than 9,000 feet. Of value possibly as an ornamental shrub, as a stock, and for breeding purposes."

39919. PHILADELPHUS sp. Hydrangeaceæ.

"No. 1245. A mock orange, found between scrub on a mountainside at an altitude of 9,500 feet. Apparently extraordinarily floriferous, to judge by the mass of empty seed capsules that were left. Of value possibly as an ornamental garden shrub for the cooler sections of the United States."

39920. RIBES sp. Grossulariaceæ. Currant.

"No. 1246. A currant of medium tall growth, found beneath tall scrub on a mountain slope at an altitude of 9,500 feet. Of value possibly for breeding purposes."

39921 to 39923.

From Lienhuashan (near Taochow), Kansu, China. Collected November 30, 1914.

39921 and 39922. SALIX sp. Salicaceæ. Willow.

39921. "No. 1247. A remarkable variety of willow, growing into a tall shrub or a bushy small tree and of which the tops for the length of about 1 foot are of a bright yellow color. When seen from above on a sunny winter day they make a strikingly cheerful impression. Of special value for parks when planted in masses or in groups in glens or low-lying places, so that they can be viewed from above. Collected at an altitude of 9,000 feet. Proposed name *Golden-Top* willow. Where these Golden-Top willows grow deep-blue spruces, snowy white birches, and red-wooded dogwoods are also found. This, together with the purplish crags as a background, make a most wonderfully harmonious winter landscape."

39922. "No. 1248. A variety of the *Golden-Top* willow, but with the young twigs of a rich reddish brown color. Of value for parks when planted in masses or in groups in glens or low-lying places, so that they can be viewed from above."

39923. MALUS sp. Malaceæ. Crab apple.

"No. 1249. A peculiar species of crab apple, bearing its small fruits in bunches. These fruits are of the size of peas, are bright red, and possess an agreeably sour flavor; they probably could be well utilized for preserves. The trees are of somewhat dwarf growth and seem remarkably hardy. They may be of value as stocks, as ornamental trees for northern regions, and for breeding purposes. Collected at an altitude of 9,000 feet."