A HARDY WILD PEAR TREE IN KANSU, CHINA (PYRUS SP., S. P. I. NO. 40019).

This remarkable wild pear, according to Rehder, stands close to if it is not identical with *Pyrus ussuriensis*, which has aroused so much interest because of its resistance to pear blight. It occurs in the mountains at altitudes of 8,000 feet in company with the Siberian crab, *Populus tremula*, and *Picea obovata*, all northern plants. Though the fruits from the wild tree are hard, acrid, and inedible, the species appears to have given rise to cultivated forms of this pear, which, unlike the true Chinese pear (*Pyrus sinensis*), are melting in character and not hard and gritty. As a stock or for breeding purposes such a vigorous wild pear can hardly fail to be of value. Photographed by Frank N. Meyer near Tchenyatau, Kansu, December 1, 1914 (P12129FS).