

## 41705 to 41707.

From Zacuapam, Vera Cruz, Mexico. Presented by Dr. C. A. Purpus. Received January 5, 1916. Notes from Dr. Purpus.

41705. *CHAMAEDOREA TEPEJILOTE* Liebm. Phenicaceæ. Palm.

"The undeveloped flower makes an excellent vegetable and is eaten everywhere in the State of Vera Cruz. Besides, it is a fine little palm. Grows in shady places."

41706. *PSIDIUM GUAJAVA* L. Myrtaceæ. Guava.

"Wild guava; in dry and sunny places."

41707. *VITIS TILIAEFOLIA* Humb. and Bonpl. Vitaceæ. Grape.  
(*Vitis caribaea* DC.)

"This *Vitis* has a very sour fruit, but it makes a most excellent jelly-like currant jelly, and is adapted to a tropical country; grows in sunny places in brush woods. *Vitis vinifera* can not be raised here at all."

## 41708 to 41710.

From Taochow (Old City), Kansu, China. Presented by Rev. C. F. Snyder, at the request of Mr. Frank N. Meyer, of the Bureau of Plant Industry. Received January 3, 1916.

41708 and 41709. *AMYGDALUS TANGUTICA* (Batal.) Korsh. Amygdalaceæ.  
(*Prunus tangutica* Koehne.) Tangutian almond.

"*Amygdalus tangutica* is a variable species of bush almond, and though its kernels are bitter and it throws up a lot of stems and is spiny, still I believe it has a decided value as a factor in breeding experiments, for it seems to be very hardy and drought resistant. One finds it mainly on sheltered rocky and loess slopes at elevations from 4,000 feet above the sea up to about 10,000 feet. In these higher regions, however, it does not get as cold as one would surmise, for the mountains all around keep off the intense cold. As a stock for almonds and for other stone fruits I scarcely would recommend this Tangutian almond, since it suckers badly and these suckers are very hard to remove." (Meyer.)

41708. "Rough shelled."

41709. "Smooth shelled."

41710. *PAEONIA SUFFRUTICOSA* Andrews. Ranunculaceæ. Tree peony.  
(*Paeonia moutan* Sims.)

"Seeds of the real wild mountain peony, which occurs in very inaccessible mountain valleys in Tibet proper, where white men are not allowed to go under ordinary circumstances. Ripens its seeds in the Chinese eighth moon (about September 15 to October 20)." (Meyer.)

41711. *CITRUS GRANDIS* (L.) Osbeck. Rutaceæ. Pummelo.

From Amoy, China. Presented by Miss K. M. Talmage, at the request of Mrs. L. W. Kip. Received January 8, 1916.

"I got this back from the Haicheng." (Talmage.)

## 41712 to 41717.

From Lamao, Bataan, Philippine Islands. Presented by the Lamao Experiment Station. Received January 10, 1916.

41712. *CACARA EROSA* (L.) Kuntze. Fabaceæ. Yam bean.  
(*Pachyrhizus angulatus* Rich.)

"*Sincamas* (wild)."

"The plant, which in both Guam and the Philippines bears its Mexican name, was probably brought [to Guam] from Mexico. The young root