

44197 to 44200.

From China. Collected by Mr. Frank N. Meyer, Agricultural Explorer for the Department of Agriculture. Received at the Plant Introduction Field Station, Chico, Calif., February 21, 1917.

44197 and 44198. *CASTANEA MOLLISSIMA* Blume. Fagaceæ. **Chestnut.**

44197. "(No. 2324a. Peking, China, November 10, 1916.) A good quality of Chinese chestnuts, said to come from the Pangshan district to the northeast of Peking. Dark-colored nuts. Price, 7 cents (Mex.) per pound." (*Meyer.*)

44198. "(No. 2325a. Peking, China, November 10, 1916.) Chinese chestnuts of good quality, said to come from the Pangshan district to the northeast of Peking. Light-colored nuts. Price, 6 to 8 cents (Mex.) per pound." (*Meyer.*)

44199 and 44200. *JUGLANS REGIA* L. Juglandaceæ. **English walnut.**

44199. "(No. 2326a. Peking, China, November 10, 1916.) Chinese walnuts, large size, said to come from the mountains west of Peking. Price, 11 cents (Mex.) per catty. Chinese walnuts seem especially adapted to semiarid regions with warm summers and dry, cold winters." (*Meyer.*)

44200. "(No. 2327a. Peking, China, November 10, 1916.) Chinese walnuts, medium size, said to come from the mountains west of Peking. Price, 9 cents (Mex.) per catty." (*Meyer.*)

44201. *PERSEA AMERICANA* Mill. Lauraceæ. **Avocado.**
(*P. gratissima* Gaertn. f.)

From Ceiba, Honduras. Cuttings presented by Mr. Francis J. Dyer, American consul. Received March 7, 1917.

"This tree grows on the property of Mr. Jos. Taranto, in the business quarter of La Ceiba. It is said to produce the best fruit known locally, and it certainly is better than any others I have seen in the local markets." (*Dyer.*)

44202. *MAMMEA AMERICANA* L. Clusiaceæ. **Mamey.**

From Mount Coffee, Liberia. Presented by Mr. Henry O. Stewart. Received February 23, 1917.

A tree 40 to 50 feet high, native of tropical America and the West Indies, with large, leathery, shining leaves and white, scented flowers. The nearly spherical fruit is 3 to 5 inches in diameter, with a thick, barky skin and sweetish orange-colored pulp, which is eaten raw or stewed or preserved with sugar. The small flowers are sometimes distilled, the product thus obtained being used in flavoring liquors. Propagation is by seed. (Adapted from *Macmillan, Handbook of Tropical Gardening*, p. 169.)

44203 to 44238.

From China. Collected by Mr. Frank N. Meyer, Agricultural Explorer for the Department of Agriculture. Received February 9, 1917.

44203. *ZIZIPHUS JUJUBA* Mill. Rhamnaceæ. **Jujube.**
(*Z. sativa* Gaertn.)

"(No. 2330a. Peking, China, December 16, 1916.) A small quantity of cleaned jujube stones, obtained mostly from large fruits. To be sown in California and in Texas to obtain new types." (*Meyer.*)