



THE GENGE CLOVER GROWN AS A VEGETABLE IN CHINA. (ASTRAGALUS SINICUS L., S. P. I. NO. 45995.)

King, in his *Farmers of Forty Centuries*, draws attention to the fact that the Chinese grow this clover not only as a source of soil nitrogen but for human food. For this purpose they cultivate it in specially prepared beds and gather the shoots before the stage of blossoming is reached and prepare them by boiling or steaming them. The stems are also cooked and dried for winter use. When picked very young these clover shoots bring the highest price of any vegetable, as much as 28 cents gold per pound. The reason for this fact is worthy of investigation by physiologists. (Photographed by Frank N. Meyer, Mokanshan, Che-liang, China, April 22, 1908; P5138FS.)