



THE CHINESE QUINCE TREE. (CHAENOMELES SINENSIS (THOUIN)
KOEHNE, S. P. I. No. 46130.)

A handsome ornamental park tree introduced into Europe from China as early as the eighteenth century, now much grown on the Riviera. The tree shown is in the grounds of the American Embassy in Tokyo. It is a long-lived species of quince bearing fruits sometimes as much as 7 inches in length with a very waxy highly scented skin. Frank N. Meyer, who secured the seeds of S. P. I. No. 46130 in Ichang, China, reported that the fruits are only used by the Chinese there as room perfumers and suggests the tree be tried as a stock for pears in the Southern States. Possibly it may be useful for breeding purposes also. (Photographed by F. N. Meyer, Tokyo, Japan, September 14, 1915; P12355FS.)