



FRUITS, SEEDS, AND LEAVES OF AN IMPROVED VARIETY OF THE YANG MEI.  
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Whereas in Japan the *yama momo* (mountain peach), as it is called, is a fruit of comparatively little importance, in parts of China, where it is called *yang mei* or *nagi*, various distinct horticultural varieties have been developed. The fruits of these vary in size from that of a cherry to that of a medium-sized plum, in color from dull white to deep carmine, and in flavor from very acid to refreshingly sweet. The tree is evergreen and when in fruit strikingly beautiful. It is a slow grower and difficult to transplant. The fine varieties are worked on small-fruited seedling stocks. In America trees have fruited in September at Del Monte and Chico, Calif., and specimens are growing at Brooksville, Fla. This species grows wild in rather poor but well-drained rocky soils in semishaded localities and will stand temperatures of 113° F. The showy color of its fruit, the intense carmine of their juice, the ability of the tree to grow in rocky semishaded localities, and the various uses to which its fruit can be put should entitle the *yang mei* to the serious consideration of American horticulturists. For description of the introduction of seeds of the *yang mei*, see S. P. I. No. 46571. (Photographed by F. N. Meyer, Hangchow, Chekiang, China, June 30, 1915; P13220FS.)