

(*Amygdalus persica*; No. 55929) $3\frac{1}{2}$ to 4 inches in diameter, which he found growing wild in the Likiang Valley, and other trees 40 to 50 feet tall with fruits tasting like cherries (Nos. 55885 and 55888).

Among the numerous wild species of *Prunus* are plums with fruits the size of walnuts (*Prunus* sp.; No. 55824), a lemon-yellow form from regions subjected to extreme drought and intense heat from October to June (No. 55901), and small-fruited forms, from 12,000 feet altitude on the slopes of Satseto in pure limestone soils, which may prove of value for stocks.

Mr. Rock has collected species of *Rubus* bearing delicious orange-red berries from 12,000 to 13,000 feet altitude (Nos. 55891, 55892, and 55904) and others from the shade of the spruce forest with fruits orange-red and translucent and an inch in diameter (No. 55892), crimson-stemmed drooping-branched ornamental forms (No. 55893), and still others which are spineless (No. 56114).

Mr. Rock has sent in a wild grape (*Vitis* sp.; No. 55953) which he found covering rosebushes there. It is a prolific bearer and its dull-purple berries are very sweet, which is not usually the case with wild species of *Vitis*. He has sent nuts from a wild walnut tree 50 feet tall and with a spread of branches of 100 feet (*Juglans regia*; No. 55989); a tree hazelnut (*Corylus* sp.; No. 55987) which grows to be 60 to 80 feet tall and has handsome, very large leaves and large edible nuts; various as yet unidentified species of persimmon (*Diospyros* spp.; Nos. 56132 to 56134); the rare *Catalpa duclouxii* (No. 55931) which makes a tree 70 to 80 feet tall and 4 feet in diameter and produces hard durable timber suitable for building purposes that may contribute to the development of a superior hybrid catalpa for forest purposes. In the way of ornamental shrubs, lilies, and other ornamental plants the region has already become noted in England. Mr. Rock has sent seeds of a honeysuckle (*Lonicera* sp.; No. 55897); the rare *Osteomeles schwerinae* (No. 55992) with its dull-purple fruits which are sweet and edible; gorgeous primroses (*Primula* spp.); an edible-fruited viburnum (*Viburnum* sp.; No. 55950); an ornamental currant (*Ribes* sp.; No. 55890); the wild peony (*Paeonia delavayi*; Nos. 55898, 55937, 55994); and a striking new ornamental tree (*Cornus* sp.; No. 55955).

In addition to Mr. Rock's collections there have been received from various correspondents throughout the world a wild plum from Beirut (*Prunus ursina*; No. 55872) for trial as a stock in southern California; Goodman's Choice peach (*Amygdalus persica*; No. 55831), a great success in Australia, which if it succeeds in America as it has there might easily add millions to the California peach-canning industry; a new mango (*Mangifera indica*; No. 55839) from Gerrit P. Wilder, of Honolulu, which turns yellow while hard and keeps well for two weeks; 39 varieties of beardless spring wheat (*Triticum aestivum*; Nos. 55842 to 55870) originated by two noted plant breeders of New South Wales, J. P. Shelton and J. T. Pridham, of Sydney. Some of these varieties are said to produce better flour than the noted Hard Federation wheat, which is also of Australian origin.

Dr. P. J. S. Cramer, of the Java Department of Agriculture, presents two interesting varieties of sugar cane (*Saccharum officinarum*; Nos. 55829 and 55830) from the Sugar Experiment Sta-