

## 55983 to 55992—Continued.

55984. *CASTANEA* sp. Fagaceæ.

Chestnut.

"(No. 6256a. September, 1922.) Seeds of tall trees found wild in the valleys of the Haitung Range, east of the Tali Lake, at an altitude of 8,000 feet. The nuts are larger than those from the mountains near Yangpi, but both are very sweet and delicious in flavor."

55985. *CHAENOMELES* sp. Malaceæ.

Chinese quince.

"(Talifu. September 19, 1922.) Seeds of a quince, called in Chinese *Mu kua*, cultivated around Talifu. The tree is 50 to 80 feet tall, with a large trunk. The very aromatic fruits, rich yellow with a reddish tinge, have very firm, hard, yellow flesh."

55986. *COLOCASIA ESCULENTA* (L.) Schott. Araceæ.

Dasheen.

"(Talifu. September 22, 1922.) Tubers of a Chinese vegetable called *Yee-tao*, sold in the Talifu market. The plant is grown in dry ground, like corn or wheat, and not flooded. The tubers grow in great numbers around the base of the stem; they are white and mealy and eaten boiled, like potatoes. The flower stalk is about 2 feet long, of a pinkish mauve color, with a slender spathe of the same color, and with cream-colored flowers; the whole is eaten as a vegetable, either fried or boiled."

55987. *CORYLUS* sp. Betulaceæ.

Hazelnut.

"(No. 3292. Nguluke. September 11, 1922.) Seeds of a tree 60 to 80 feet in height, with trunks 2 to 3 feet in diameter, found at altitudes of 9,500 to 10,000 feet among limestone boulders near springs at the foot of the Likiang Snow Range. The tree is handsome, with very large leaves, and bears large edible nuts.

55988. *CRATAEGUS PINNATIFIDA* Bunge. Malaceæ.

Hawthorn.

"(Talifu. September 20, 1922.) Seeds of a shrub 6 to 8 feet high, obtained from fruits sold in the Talifu market, where they are strung on fiber. These small applelike fruits mature in September. They have large seeds and rather sour flesh and are candied like jujubes. Chinese name *Shan li ko*."

For previous introduction, see S. P. I. No. 55932.

55989. *JUGLANS REGIA* L. Juglandaceæ.

Walnut.

"(Yangpi. September, 1922.) Seeds of wild walnut trees 40 to 50 feet in height, with a spread of nearly a hundred feet, found in the mountains at an altitude of 8,000 feet. The nuts are large, thin shelled, and sweet."

For previous introduction, see S. P. I. No. 54790.

55990. *MALUS* sp. Malaceæ.

Apple.

"(No. 6558. Chienchuan, September 15, 1922.) Seeds of a wild apple, tree 20 feet high, with stiff spreading branches, found in a dry, hot, rocky location in the Chienchuan Valley north of Talifu. The fruits are a little larger than a pea, glossy as if varnished, bright red on one side and yellow on the other."

55991. *MECONOPSIS INTEGRIFOLIA* (Maxim.) Franch. Papaveraceæ.

"(Likiang. September, 1922.)"

For previous introduction and description, see S. P. I. No. 55957.

55992. *OSTEOMELES SCHWERINAE* C. Schneid. Malaceæ.

"(No. 6554. Langchiung. September 16, 1922.) Seeds of an ornamental, spreading shrub 2 to 3 feet high, found in the Langchiung Mountains at an altitude of 7,500 feet and common in the arid regions north and south of Talifu. It differs considerably from the Pacific species, *Osteomeles anihyllidifolia*; the flowers are pinkish white and very fragrant, and the sweet edible fruits are uniformly dull purple."

For previous introduction, see S. P. I. No. 40033.