



**A PROMISING CHESTNUT FROM NORTHERN CHINA. (*CASTANEA MOLLISSIMA*
BLUME; S. P. I. NO. 56397)**

The rapidly progressing destruction of native American chestnut forests by blight has focused the attention of horticulturists upon this Chinese species, which has already shown its adaptability to climatic and soil conditions in this country as well as a remarkable degree of resistance to the disease. It is promising not only as a source of tannin but also for its edible nuts, which are nearly as large and as good as those of the native American chestnut. The attention of the Department of Agriculture was first directed to this species by the late Frank N. Meyer, Agricultural Explorer. (Photographed by C. A. Reed, Vanchiachuan, Chihli, China, September 7, 1922; P36689FS)