

shrub, closely related to the horse-chestnut, is decidedly ornamental and of special value as a garden shrub for those semi-arid sections of the United States where the winters are not too severe." (Meyer's introduction.)

#### NOTES FROM CORRESPONDENTS ABROAD.

Palestine. Jerusalem. Mr. John D. Whiting writes January 19, "I am gratified to learn that the jellies and preserves sent you were found not only delicious, but that the hawthorn has aroused special interest. We have three species of hawthorn trees that grow here. The variety used for this jelly is the *Crataegus azarolus* L. The fruit, which is about three-fourths of an inch in diameter, is bright yellow when ripe, and eaten raw by the natives who like the acidity of the juice. They do not ripen till mid-summer, which would be the earliest they could be sent. To make the jelly the fruit is covered with water so that in the kettle there is clear water above the fruit a little less than one-third of the fruit below. This is boiled till the hawthorn is thoroughly cooked. The juice is strained off and an equal quantity, by measure, of granulated sugar is added and boiled until properly jellied. For large quantities, as we make it, about an hour's boiling is required. Small amounts take less time."

Algeria. Algiers. Dr. L. Trabut writes January 12, 1915, "I have received in a collection the Moroccan varieties of orange. I have one orange from Tetuan, one from Tanger, and two from eastern Morocco. But nothing so very remarkable. These oranges have been recommended too highly, inasmuch as those, by whom the oranges have been tasted, have found them during the hot seasons in the mountain gorges and at that moment all oranges appear excellent. I have not thought I needed to send you cuttings because I thought that you would not have use for any varieties much inferior to those which you have. The Algerian Navel shows itself to be very interesting. It is a seedling. The fruit is large, depressed, very juicy and with a pronounced navel. It is at present the only interesting local type of this group. You have had it already. If you wish it I will send you a new shipment. The Algerian navel is two months later than the Washington navel. It is superior having a more juicy, more melting pulp."

China. Peking. Mr. D. F. Higgins writes, March 26, 1915: "I have had the pleasure of several interesting conversations with Mr. Meyer. He is certainly a hard worker. I was disappointed to learn from him of his difficulties