

*Betula* spp. (Betulaceae.) 39989-991. Seeds of Japanese birches received from the Arnold Arboretum, from the collections of Mr. E. H. Wilson. *Betula schmidtii* Regel, a stately tree from southeastern Manchuria, *B. pendula japonica* Miq., and *B. ulmifolia* Sieb. & Zucc., a native of Japan, and very rare in cultivation, attaining a height of 50 to 70 feet.

*Castanopsis* sp. (Fagaceae.) 39909. Cuttings from near Pao dji, Kansu, China. "A small tree found in between tall scrub on protected mountain sides at 8000 feet elevation. Bears burrs like those of a chestnut, which contain chinquapin-like nuts; it bears, however, also catkins like a hazel or an alder when it is leafless. Leaves somewhat like those of a chestnut but of a thinner and less persistent structure. Of value possibly as a new nut-bearing tree, fit for regions where the winters are not too severe." (Frank N. Meyer's introduction and description.)

*Citrus* sp. (Rutaceae.) 39897. Cuttings from near Lian dja pa, Kansu, China. "A peculiar species of citrus growing into a large tree, bearing loose-skinned, round, flattened fruits the size of mandarin oranges. Color of rind light-yellow; rind full of oil-glands, smelling like a fine lemon; segments separating easily; fairly juicy and of an agreeable sharp sour taste; contains plenty of large seeds. These sour mandarin fruits make a very pleasing lemonade cut up with rind and all in a tumbler of water and some sugar added. They also taste well when cut up in slices in hot tea, while a few pieces of rind added to a soup or stew gives a novel and agreeable flavor. The trees are of thrifty growth, making large heads of dark-green foliage, they are prolific bearers, apparently; young shoots armed with large spines. They are not grafted or budded but propagated from seeds only. This citrus is found at elevations from 2000 to 4500 feet, and where they grow one finds the following trees cultivated: *Diospyros kaki*, *Ficus carica*, *Punica granatum*, *Juglans regia*, *Pyrus sinensis*, *Morus alba*, *Hovenia dulcis*, *Ligustrum lucidum*, *Chamaerops excelsa* and *Phyllostachys* sp. Of value possibly as a tree for the home garden in sections north of the citrus belt proper." (Frank N. Meyer's introduction and description.)

*Corylus ferox tibetica* (Bat.) Franch. (Fagaceae.) 39907. Cuttings of a hazel from near Pao dji, Kansu, China. "A hazelnut growing into a tree from 80 to 100 feet tall, having a trunk often a few feet in diameter. Bark reddish brown and peeling off in loose layers, like that of a birch.