

currant of very vigorous growth, collected on a sheltered mountain side at an elevation of over 7000 feet. The shrubs are of open growth and reach a height of 25 feet. Of value possibly for hybridization purposes." 39916, "a wild gooseberry, growing from 6 to 15 feet tall, found in dry loess embankments at elevations from 7000 to over 9000 feet. Remarkably spiny; berries medium large, of elongated shape and persisting throughout the greater part of the winter. These gooseberry fruits are preserved by the American missionaries at Kiu cheng and they supply a very delicious tart compote. Of value apparently as a fruiting shrub and as a hedge plant for the cold semi-arid sections of the United States." (Frank N. Meyer's introductions and descriptions.)

*Salix* spp. (Salicaceae.) 39921-922. Cuttings of willows from Lien Hua shan, Kansu, China. 39921, "a remarkable variety of willow, growing into a tall shrub or a bushy small tree and of which the tops for the length of about one foot are of a bright yellow color. When seen from above on a sunny winter day they make a strikingly cheerful impression. Of special value for parks when planted in masses or in groups in glens or in low-lying places, so that they can be viewed from above. Collected at an elevation of 9000 feet. Proposed name Golden Top Willow. Where these Golden top willows grow one also finds deep blue spruces, snowy white birches, and red-wooded dogwoods. These together with the purplish crags as a background, make a most wonderfully harmonious winter landscape." 39922, "a variety of the Golden top willow, but with the young twigs of a rich reddish-brown color." (Frank N. Meyer's introductions and descriptions.)

*Tamarix aphylla* (L.) Karsten. (Tamaricaceae.) 39856. Cuttings of a tamarisk from Cairo, Egypt. Presented by Mr. Thomas W. Brown, Director, Horticultural Division, Ministry of Agriculture. "This is by far the best of the Egyptian species for cultivation as a timber tree on desert land. We have employed it largely as a wind- and sand-break at the Sewage Farm at Khanka, which is situated on what was unreclaimed desert land. The cuttings were planted along shallow water channels, containing in one case chlorine equivalent to sodium chloride to the extent of 1272 parts per million and in another case to the extent of 2028 parts per million. *Tamarix aphylla* very rarely produces seed here." (Brown.)

*Viburnum furcatum* Blume. (Caprifoliaceae.) 39998. Seeds from Japan, received through the Arnold Arboretum, from