

of chestnut of medium tall growth; trunk more slender, and bark smoother, than in *C. mollissima*, while the leaves, burrs and nuts are smaller. Loves apparently shady situations and damp soil. Of value as a nut-bearing tree, especially for the southeast United States. Where these chestnuts grow in gardens one also finds some of the following trees, showing how mild the climate is: *Ligustrum lucidum*, *Chamaerops excelsa*, *Hovenia dulcis*, *Diospyros kaki*, *Punica granatum*, *Phyllostachys bambusoides* (*P. quilioi*), etc." (Meyer's introductions and descriptions.)

*Cephalotaxus* sp. (Taxaceae.) 40017-018. Seeds from near Kwan yin tang, Shensi, and from near Kwa tsa, Kansu. "An evergreen conifer, growing into a tall shrub or rarely into a gnarled small tree. Resembles in general habit *Cephalotaxus fortunei*, but of denser, less open growth, especially beautiful when young, or two or three years after it has been cut to the ground; for this plant throws up sets of new shoots more compact in growth than the original stems. It withstands a great amount of shade and thrives even among boulders and stony debris. Of value as an ornamental evergreen, especially for shady places, for those parts of the United States where the winters are not too severe. Collected at an elevation of 4000 feet (and 40018 at 5000 feet). Locally this shrub is called *Sui pei shu*, meaning 'water conifer.' Its seeds are collected by the people and eaten boiled, apparently to remove a poisonous principle. They are rich in oil, but taste bitterish even after having been boiled." (Meyer's introductions and descriptions.)

*Diospyros lotus* L. (Ebenaceae.) 40024. Seeds of a persimmon from Sikü, Kansu, China. "A variety of *Ghoorma* persimmon, with much larger fruits than the ordinary sort; shape also different, being flattened-globose; color yellow, changing later on to blackish. Taste much like a *kaki*, making one think that *D. lotus* possibly could be developed into a promising fruit-bearing tree fit especially for mild-wintered and semi-arid regions." (Meyer's introduction and description.)

*Garcinia tinctoria* (DC.) W. F. Wight. (Clusiaceae.) 40103. Seeds from Ootacamund, India. Presented by Mr. F. H. Butcher, Curator, Botanic Garden and Parks. "A symmetrical cone-shaped bushy tree, growing to 25 or 30 feet high, native of South India and Malaya. It bears large leathery leaves, 12-16 inches long, and two and one-half to three and one-half inches in width. The handsome yellow fruit produced in great abundance in December and January, is of