



A Collection of Nuts and Dried Fruits Presented
by the Ameer of Afghanistan.

His Majesty, Habibullah Khán, sent the above collection through his special representative, Mr. A. C. Jewett, who brought it as baggage and delivered it in person to the Department. For each sample he had prepared special lithographed labels, giving the correct name of the fruit and the locality from which it came. As the winters in Kabul, the capital of Afghanistan, are bleak, cold and dry, the fruits grown there should prove hardy in our Middle States. Among the most interesting of the collection are the excellent apricots, raisins, Elaeagnus fruits, and dried white mulberries. The latter form almost the exclusive food of hundreds of thousands of Afghans for many months of the year. This use of dried mulberries suggests a new tree food crop. Analyses of these dried mulberries show their high food values.