

elevation of 4000 feet." 40701, "from near Tjin ya tan. A bushy rose, of erect growth, averaging a height of 5 to 7 feet. Twigs of reddish color, almost spineless. Collected at an elevation of 7000 feet." 40702, "from near Yau pu ko. A shrubby rose, quite spiny, found on dry stony mountain-slopes. Flowers apparently yellow." 40768, "from near Cheng hsien. A wild rose, of very vigorous growth, found as big clumps amidst scrub or as solitary specimens on stony places. Makes long annual shoots, which lean over in a characteristic way. Collected at an elevation of 3000 feet." (Meyer's introductions and descriptions.)

Solanum melongena L. (Solanaceae.) 40759-760. Seeds of eggplants from Yang ping, Shensi, and Pai hsiang chen, Shansi, China. One variety having "very large purplish white fruits, apparently a good market variety, grown under irrigation on the rich flats along the Wei River," the other "with medium sized fruits of pure white color." (Meyer's introductions and descriptions.)

Syringa sp. (Oleaceae.) 40709. Seeds of a lilac from near Pa li tang, Kansu, China. "A small lilac, growing from 3 to 5 feet in height, having small leaves and apparently very floriferous. Found covering whole loess hill slopes in company with *Amygdalus davidiana* at an elevation of 3500 feet. Of value as a hardy flowering shrub for the dry and cool sections of the United States." (Meyer's introduction and description.)

Viburnum spp. (Caprifoliaceae.) 40692-694. Seeds of two species of *Viburnum* from Kansu, China, all decidedly ornamental, and bearing large racemes of dark red berries. (Meyer's introductions.)

NOTES FROM CORRESPONDENTS ABROAD.

China, Chehkiang province, Hangchow. Mr. Frank N. Meyer writes, July 1: "A week again has passed since I first landed here and I want to let you know what things I have seen. Firstly this: we are in the rainy season and every day it pours and pours until one would think there was nothing left and just as things begin to lose their glistening coat of wetness then it starts again. We have been out collecting several times and got drenched and now our clothes have started to mould badly, our straw hats are black and with peculiar spots and on the ribbons colonies of fungi establish themselves overnight.