

*Phyllostachys* sp. (Poaceae.) 40842, 40851. Plants of a bamboo from Burroughs, Ga. Secured through Mr. S. B. Dayton, by Mr. Edward Simmonds, of this Office. A bamboo, reported to have been brought from India about 1890 by the late Andres E. Moynelo, but from all appearances, a Japanese species, probably *P. bambusoides*. This bamboo was first called to the attention of the office by Mr. Dayton in April of this year when he sent us a large shoot, such as he had been retailing to a Savannah restaurant at twenty-five cents. On examination the plantation was found to consist of good-sized old canes, attaining a height of perhaps 60 feet, and showing its perfect adaptability to the climate of Savannah. The canes on test have shown themselves for certain industrial purposes equal to the imported Japanese forms of *madake*, *P. bambusoides*. (S. C. Stuntz.)

*Primula littoniana* G. Forrest. (Primulaceae.) 40857. Seeds of Litton's primrose from Talifu, Yunnan, China. Purchased from Dr. C. C. Schneider, Arnold Arboretum. "*P. littoniana*, though by no means the most beautiful of the new hardy Chinese primulas, has an altogether unique character that is bound to carry it into a permanent place in the heart of the primrose lover. The small lilac blossoms, as well as the lilac leaves, are somewhat like those of *P. denticulata*, but here resemblance ceases. Instead of the usual primula umbel, the scape terminates in a long flower spike, set thickly with bloom. The calyces are a rich maroon and the remarkable effect comes when these form a point above a sort of ruff of the lilac blossoms. Small wonder that it fairly dazzled George Forrest, the collector, when he found it massed naturally in the high mountains of China. There the flower stalks sometimes rise to a height of two and a half feet." (H. S. Adams, Garden Magazine, May 1914.)

*Pyrus* sp. (Malaceae.) 40865-871. Seeds of pears from Talifu, Yunnan, China. Purchased from Dr. C. C. Schneider, Arnold Arboretum. All from cultivated fruits from the Talifu market, of varying sizes and shapes. No information as to quality.

*Ziziphus jujuba* Miller. (Rhamnaceae.) 40877-878. Jujube fruits from Pinchow, Shensi, and Lingpau, Honan, China. 40877, "A very good quality of jujube, having large and heavy fruits of elongated shape; considered to be the second best in China, the *Ta yuan tsao* of Pai hsiang chen, Shansi, coming first. Chinese name *Chin tsao* and *Fei tsao*, meaning 'Golden jujube' and 'Fat jujube.'" 40878, "A medium