

large variety of jujube, of round-flattened shape and of brown-red color. Meat sweet but of loose texture; much used baked in bread and boiled with millet. Chinese name *Ta hong tsao*, meaning 'large red jujube.' (Frank N. Meyer's introductions and descriptions.)

Ziziphus mistol Griseb. (Rhamnaceae.) 40853. Seeds of the mistol from Guemes, Argentina. Presented by Mr. H. F. Schultz, Director, Agricultural Experiment Station. "A small tree with spiny tortuous branches, subrotund, coriaceous, minutely serrulate leaves, inconspicuous flowers, and small edible drupes with large stones. Introduced as a possible stock for the Chinese jujube, and for comparison with the Brazilian *Jua* (*Ziziphus joazeiro*). Found throughout northern Argentina as far south as the Province of Cordoba." (Schultz.)

NOTES FROM CORRESPONDENTS ABROAD.

Yokohama, Japan, Miss Eliza R. Scidmore writes August 10, 1915. "The nursery man went up in the air when I suggested getting slips from the plum tree by the Forty-seven Ronin's grave. Impossible!! That tree too sacred to let anyone have a hack at it.

"The Giou cherry tree in Kioto quite possible he thinks.

"Many cherry trees at the Arakawa bank are dead and dying. Floods or popularity, the jarring of millions of feet have paralyzed the roots.

"The dog days began a week after I landed, and the rice crop ought to be a tremendous one.

"The most beautiful sight in Japan is now Mr. Hara's garden at San-no-tai, beyond the Honmokee bathing beach. A narrow valley with a carriage road crossing and then following lotus, lotus, lotus! Pink and white, very tall, in full flower, beautifully kept. Like the iris gardens, only the iris has not those beautiful big leaves flopping up and down. I never imagined anything so lovely.

"I ran down the morning glory industry for you last week--spent a mosquito night at the hotel in Nyeno park, and at 5 a.m. motored out beyond Kameido, where the Iriya gardeners were driven by the floods six years ago. They still grow them--acres of pots--but send them into the city for sale. There are no show gardens and places to sit and look at benches, etc., full of rare ones. All that is over. Too far out now for people to go at sunrise and wander from garden to garden as at Iriya.