



Fruits and Pits of the Chinese Wild Peach.
(*Amygdalus davidiana*.)

The discovery by Frank N. Meyer that this species of wild peach which produces inedible fruits has been used probably for centuries in China as a stock for many stone fruits has led to its extensive trial for the same purpose in America. Several plantings of commercial peaches, plums, apricots, and almonds budded upon this as a stock have reached bearing age in California and Texas and are unusually promising. Owing to the resistance to cold, drought and alkali of this new stock and the ease with which it can be budded, it appears probable, if supplies of the seed can be raised, that it will form the root system of large commercial peach plantings in California, Utah and Texas. In Oregon the largest nurserymen are attracted by the ease with which it can be worked, and in Minnesota and Iowa trees of it have stood untouched by the low temperatures, even -40° F., which have killed commercial varieties to the ground. It cannot be expected to fruit in any region visited by late frosts, as its buds swell easily in warm, damp weather. Natural size photograph, taken by R. L. Beagles, July 14, 1915, at Chico, Calif., Neg. No. 535.