

In a letter received from Mr. I. M. Karzin, Issyl-kul, Ak-molinsk Government, Siberia, dated March 22, 1916;

"Many thanks or the seeds sent of American plums, of which *Prunus americana nigra* proves fully resistant to the Siberian climate. This plum, sent in fall of 1913, gave splendid growth and endured very well the severe winter of 1914-1915, with frost down to -40 degrees R."

#### NOTES ON BEHAVIOR OF PREVIOUS INTRODUCTIONS.

*Amygdalus davidiana*. Mr. Marsden Manson, San Francisco, Calif., in a letter dated May 20, 1916, says: "*Amygdalus davidiana* is by far the best and hardiest stock I have ever known and its introduction has repaid the support of the Bureau of Plant Industry for several years. Peaches and nectarines on *A. davidiana* are growing and bearing well for young trees."

*Amygdalus persica*. 33219. *Vainqueur* Peach. Fruits of this variety were sent in to this office on June 5th, and referred to the office of Pomological Investigations. Mr. Wight of that office, reports as follows: "This peach compares very favorably in quality with other early varieties, such as Alexander, Amsden and Sneed; and since it is earlier than the Alexander, it may have considerable value as an early peach, at least for local markets; and I think it also has considerable value as breeding material for production of an early peach of still better quality. The flesh next the stone has a slightly bitter taste, but this might not have been prominent if the specimens could have been well ripened on the tree, as they were picked rather green in order to send them successfully so far in a mailing box." Mr. R. L. Beagles, in charge of the Plant Introduction Station at Chico, Calif., reports that this variety ripened its fruits about ten days earlier than the Alexander, the most widely grown, early, commercial peach of the Pacific States, and is therefore likely to prove a very valuable peach.

*Ilex cornuta*. 22979. Holly. From F. N. Meyer, of Soochow, Kiangsu, China. Mr. Meyer sent in the following note with this form: "A very ornamental bush or small tree, loaded in winter with scarlet berries. A slow grower and probably not hardy North. Chinese name *Ta hu tse*." At the Plant Introduction Garden, at Chico, this form has succeeded admirably and promises to be one of the best hollies for regions where the winter is not too severe. Probably it would do well from Washington south.

*Juniperus chinensis*. 18577. Chinese Juniper, - a columnar form. From F. N. Meyer, Shan-hai-kwan, China. Trees