



THE TANGSI CHERRY (*Prunus pseudocerasus* Lindl.), S. P. I. No. 18587.

This Chinese cherry, introduced by Mr. Frank N. Meyer from Tangsi, a small town in the Chekiang Province of China where orchards of it are grown, ripens its fruit a week to 10 days earlier than the commercial varieties now grown in northern California. In 1914 ripe fruit was picked from March 30 to April 3. Though a thin-skinned, medium-sized cherry, not larger than the Early Richmond, it is of excellent flavor and because of its extreme earliness will probably become a profitable commercial sort. The fact has recently been pointed out that this is doubtless the true *Prunus pseudocerasus* of Lindley, a name erroneously applied to the Japanese flowering cherry (*Prunus serrulata* Lindl.). The vigor of this Tangsi cherry has attracted the attention of the growers and suggests its use as a stock for other varieties. Natural size photograph (Chico 467), by Mr. R. L. Beagles, taken April 3, 1914, at Test Orchard, Chico, Cal.