

*Pyrus canescens* Spach. A probable hybrid between *P. nivalis* and *P. salicifolia*, between which species it is almost intermediate. This tree is very handsome in spring with its very white young leaves, which become shiny, dark green above when mature. The fruit is pale green, much shorter stock than that of *P. nivalis*. 42796. *Pyrus amygdaliformis* Villars. A large, rounded shrub or small tree, occasionally 20 feet high. Leaves very variable in shape and size; white flowers one inch across appearing in April; fruit orange-shape, about an inch across, yellowish-brown, on a short thick stalk. Not especially valuable for the garden except for its picturesqueness when old. Native of the Mediterranean region. 42797. *Pyrus nivalis* Jacq. A small sturdy tree with woolly, white young shoots and young leaves; the flowers pure white, one and one-half inches across, produced in April in conspicuous clusters. Fruit one and one-half inches or more wide, rounded, yellowish-green. This eastern European tree is very beautiful early in the season because of its pure white leaves and numerous flowers. In France the trees are cultivated for their fruits which are eaten when bletted. 42798. *Pyrus sinai* Desf. This pear, which is related to *P. amygdaliformis*, is supposed to have originated in Asia Minor on the Islands of the Greek Archipelago. Its leaves in spring are white with down, becoming smooth and shiny later.

*Ribes* spp. (Grossulariaceae.) 42739, 42749, 42780-42781. Seeds of **currants** from Petrograd, Russia, Nancy, France, and Madrid, Spain. Introduced for the work of the Office of Horticultural and Pomological Investigation. 42739. *Ribes graveolens* Bunge. 42749. *R. lobbii* A. Gray. 42780. *R. flavum* Berland. 42781. *R. multiflorum* Kitaibel.

*Rodgersia aesculifolia* Batalin. (Saxifragaceae.) 42695. Plants from Paris, France. Purchased from Messrs. Vilmorin-Andrieux & Company. A vigorous plant newly introduced from China, with large rhizomes and slender petioles supporting six large umbellate, oval leaves, heavily veined and of a beautiful dark green, resembling those of the chestnut. Flowers white, in a long panicle, 75 cm. long, appearing in June. Flourishes in cool, half-shaded, peaty soils.

*Rubus* spp. (Rosaceae.) 42750-42757, 42766, 42782-42789. Seeds of 17 species of *Rubus* from Nancy, France,