



GROVE OF BALSAM POPLARS IN THE WU TAI MOUNTAINS OF CHINA. *POPULUS SUAVEOLENS*,
S. P. I. No. 22861.

This species, which is a native of Siberia and China, is used extensively by the Chinese for planting at the mouths of ravines to bind the stones and sand and prevent the mountain torrents from carrying their débris down over the cultivated fields below. It grows successfully at elevations of 8,000 feet. It is a white-barked species and its leaves when young have a balsamic odor. It may find a use in America similar to that made of it in China. Photographed (P5417FS) by F. N. Meyer, Wutaishan, Shansi, China, February 27, 1908.