



A RARE AVENUE POPLAR FROM CHINA. *POPULUS SIMONII* F. *FASTIGIATA*, S. P. I. No. 22363.

The typical form of this species of poplar is a very desirable perfectly hardy tree for the colder sections of the United States. This slender pyramidal form discovered by Meyer at Shiling in the Chihli Province of China, appears to have unusual promise as an avenue tree or in situations where the Lombardy poplar has been heretofore used. On the estate of Mr. Cyrus McCormick, at Lake Forest, Ill., a row of young trees has remained so far resistant to the poplar borer and its behavior there has led to its trial in the Chicago parks. There is a legitimate use for the pyramidal poplar, though it too often crowds out more precious trees. Photographed (P5412FS) by Frank N. Meyer, at Shiling, Chihli Province, China, January 25, 1908.