

Larix potaninii Batalin. (Pinaceae.) 43851. Plants of larch from Jamaica Plain, Mass. Presented by the Arnold Arboretum. A tree from western China, from 60 to 70 feet high, with yellowish young shoots and somewhat rectangular pointed leaves about an inch long. The cones are egg-shaped, and about $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches long. This tree has much the aspect of the common larch, and according to Mr. E. H. Wilson it yields the most valuable timber in China. (Adapted from Bean, Trees and Shrubs Hardy in the British Isles, vol. 2, p. 9.)

Malus arnoldiana Rehder. (Malaceae.) 43857. Cuttings from Jamaica Plain, Mass. Presented by the Arnold Arboretum. This is a hybrid of *Malus floribunda* with one of the hybrids of *Malus baccata*, and appeared spontaneously in the Arnold Arboretum several years ago. It makes a smaller tree than *M. floribunda*, but its long spreading and arching branches are very graceful, and the flowers produced on long stems are more than twice as large as those of *M. floribunda*. These flowers are a beautiful pink, and it is considered by some persons to be the most beautiful of the crabapples. (Adapted from the Arnold Arboretum, Bulletin of Popular Information, Nos. 3, 1911, and 39, 1913.)

Moringa oleifera Lamarck. (Moringaceae.) 43761. Seeds from Matania El Saff, Egypt. Presented by Mr. Alfred Bircher, Middle-Egypt Botanic Station. "The pods of this variety are free of the bitter taste of the common horse radish tree, and are eaten like the French beans if gathered when in a young state." (Bircher.)

Persea americana Miller. (Lauraceae.) 43932. Cuttings of avocado from Coban, Depto. de Alta Verapez, Guatemala. Collected by Mr. Wilson Popenoe, Agricultural Explorer for this Department. "From the yard of Filadelfo Pineda, called de San Marcos. A fruit of medium size, obovoid to pyriform in shape, green, with a rather small seed and flesh of exceptionally rich flavor and good quality. My attention was called to this tree by Mr. R. W. Hempstead, who recommended it as the finest avocado he had eaten in Coban. The tree is said to be a heavy bearer, but this is an off year in Coban and it is not bearing a large crop. Form obovoid, tending to become pyriform, slightly oblique; size about medium, weight 15 ozs., greatest length $4\frac{5}{8}$ inches, breadth $3\frac{5}{8}$ inches; base rounded, the stem inserted obliquely without depression; apex