

Assistant in Plant Breeding at the Central Experiment Farm, Ottawa, tells me the three varieties of Russian pears constitute a part of an original introduction by the late William Saunders, twenty-five or thirty years ago. Out of a large number of pears brought in from Russia, the following three varieties are the only survivors. They have proved to be very hardy as far as cold resistance is concerned, and have also proved, in a large measure, blight resistant. I saw the three trees growing while at Ottawa last September; they were vigorous specimens, the trunks being eight to ten inches in diameter, and they had a fine growth of wood and foliage. I saw no evidence of blight on the trees. The fruit of all three varieties is said to be fairly good. They here take on all the usual characteristics of the Russian types." (B. T. Galloway.)

*Rosa davurica* Pallas. (Rosaceae.) 43887. Plants of rose from Jamaica Plain, Mass. Presented by the Arnold Arboretum. This is allied to the Cinnamon rose, and is found in Manchuria, Dahuria and Sakhalin. It has slender, straight prickles. The flowers are purple and the fruit scarlet. (Adapted from Rehder, in Bailey, Standard Cyclopedia of Horticulture, vol. 5. p. 2998.)

*Rosa ecae* Aitchison. (Rosaceae.) 43888. Plants of rose from Jamaica Plain, Mass. Presented by the Arnold Arboretum. A very spiny shrubby rose, from Turkestan, flowering in early summer with an abundance of small, deep yellow flowers. Recommended for hybridization to create perfectly hardy yellow roses. (Adapted from note of Frank N. Meyer.)

*Rosa fedtschenkoana* Regel. (Rosaceae.) 43890. Plants of rose from Jamaica Plain, Mass. Presented by the Arnold Arboretum. A very handsome species from the Turkestan and Kokand regions of central Asia. It is a much-branched, very prickly shrub, with compound leaves 4 to 5 inches long, and large white flowers occurring singly or as many as four in a cluster. The red fruits are somewhat pear-shaped. When introduced in England this rose developed into a rambling, free-growing shrub, which flowered in the month of June. (Adapted from Curts's Botanical Magazine, vol. 127, plate 7770.)