

oblong, acute or obtuse leaves  $2\frac{1}{2}$  to 5 inches long, purplish-red solitary flowers about an inch wide, and oblong, kidney-shaped, red fruits about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches long, in bunches of 18 or 20, with whitish, scant, juicy, aromatic, sub-acid flesh without a trace of sugar and containing many seeds. (Adapted from Blume, Flora Java, Annonaceae, pp. 19-21, plate 4, and from P. J. Wester, Philippine Agricultural Review, vol. 6, no. 7, p. 321.)

#### Notes from Correspondents abroad.

Mr. Frank N. Meyer writes from Ichang, Hupeh, China, April 16, 1917:

"The day before yesterday I returned here from a sixteen days' trip into the mountains and plain of this section of the immense Hupeh Province, investigating mainly problems connected with *Pyrus calleryana*, *Pistacia chinensis*, tung oil and some minor things."

"*Pyrus calleryana* is simply a marvel. One finds it growing under all sorts of conditions, one time on dry, sterile mountain slopes; then again with its roots in standing water at the edge of a pond; sometimes in open pine forest, then again among scrub on blue-stone ledges in the burning sun; sometimes in low bamboo jungle in the company of the Chinese pistache, *Vitex negundo*, *Cudrania triloba*, the jujube, *Ulmus parvifolia*, *Rosa multiflora*, etc., and then again along the course of a fast flowing mountain stream or on the occasionally burned over slope of a pebbly hill.

"The tree is nowhere found in groves, always as scattered specimens and but very few large trees were seen. There are reasons for that, namely the natives cut down the larger specimens for their lumber, from which fine furniture is made, while if a young tree occurs at a suitable place it is most times used as a stock for an improved variety of pear.

"We made a trip of three days to the northwest from here to look at a very large specimen of a wild pear from which a large village had obtained its name (Tang li shu ya) but the tree had become old and had been cut down 40 to 50 years already. It was said to measure something like 11 or 12 feet in circumference. The largest trunk I measured was 6 feet in circumference, but it was as a stock for an improved pear.

"The name of this wild pear is everywhere around here "Tang li", meaning "Crab-apple pear", on account of the resemblance of its fruit to wild crab apples