

*Aralia cordata* (26565) Japanese Udo. Mrs. James Chamberlin of Spring Camp, Idaho, reports that "the udo planted has proven a valuable early vegetable. As rapidly as possible we will distribute roots of this plant to families who desire them."

*Brassica pekinensis* (36054) Mr. James Chamberlin, of Spring Camp, Idaho, reports that "the Chinese cabbage was a great success. As an early vegetable for greens we have nothing to equal it. Some planted in July weighed 28 to 30 lbs. per head or bunch. For this climate, and for the later winter keeping plants, the seed should be sown later than in July. We found it unnecessary to manure it when planted in an ordinary garden soil. We have distributed seed of the Chinese cabbage to many families, so that next season it will be a staple food in this locality." A letter from Mr. C. G. Warriner, Arlington, New Jersey, November 24, 1916, says "the leaves of *Brassica pekinensis* make the most tender and tasty salad we have ever had. I would call it a great addition to a late garden for that purpose irrespective of any other use and would like to grow a large amount of it next year."

*Diospyros kaki* (26773) Japanese Persimmon. Mr. H. H. Hume in letter of November 13, 1916, says: "I am very glad that No. 26773 pleased you. We think it is just a little the best thing we have found in persimmons yet. If we do not get another thing of value out of our persimmon work other than this we feel that we will be amply repaid. I suppose the name should really be reduced to Fuyu, yet I have a variety under that name which is not the same as Fuyugaki. If I remember correctly, we have 7 or 8 trees of this variety; one is a top-worked tree, the others root grafted. The variety attracted our attention last year and we immediately started in to propagate it with such propagating wood as we could secure from one individual tree. I think we have about 70 or 80 trees in the nurseries now and have about 500 dormant buds, inserted last August. It will probably take us another year before we can work up a stock of it of any considerable size."

*Maytenus boaria* (26323). A small leaved variety of the Chilean maiten, a tree on which horses and cattle browse in season of drought, and which is considered of value for its forage. "I received this from your