



OLD TRUNK OF THE BLIGHT-RESISTANT PEAR.

(*PYRUS USSURIENSIS* MAXIM.)

The possibility that this species of Chinese pear may become widely used as a stock for the finer European varieties of pear, because of its resistance to pear-blight, makes this photograph of unusual interest. Mr. Frank N. Meyer reports that this trunk is 6 feet in circumference 4 feet above the ground. The bark is characteristically grooved and of a grayish black color, which may enable orchardists to identify the stock in case cultivated pears are budded on it. (Photographed by Frank N. Meyer, December 3, 1916, at Shinlungshan, Chihli Province, China; P13231FS.)