

Notes on Behavior of Previous Introductions.

Mrs. Wilhelmine Seliger, 15 Waverly Ave., Hartford, Conn., in a letter dated October 7, 1917, states:

"In conclusion of my selection for new trial plants or seeds, I wish to write of my experience in raising the Chinese cabbage, *Brassica pekinensis*, the seeds of which I received last spring from your Bureau.

"I have eaten today the first dish of this fine, delicious variety of cabbage from my own raising. It is a desirable sort prepared either boiled, or eaten raw as a salad while crisp; the bleached leaves have a fine-grained texture and a mild agreeable flavor. For our New England climate, it is absolutely necessary to sow the seed early if heads are desired. I sowed part of my seed for trial when my peas were up above ground. The result was that I got nice, oblong heads which were not attacked by the common cabbage worm which on other cabbages of our common kinds were very abundant. As the directions said to sow the seed late in July, I did this; but this second sowing, here in Connecticut, is too late for forming heads. I suppose when frost has affected it, the green leaves, which look nice, can be eaten as we do kale. I shall try to preserve them by protection in a sheltered place for the winter. None has gone to seed of the early sowing. In short, it is a desirable addition to our vegetables and I honestly recommend it for use in any home garden or market. I exhibited a large head at a meeting of our State Horticultural Society a week ago, and received the hearty thanks of the members and a certificate of merit."

Mr. Will B. Munson, of The Munson Nurseries, writes from Denison, Texas, Nov. 14, 1917, concerning various persimmons and jujubes which he has been testing:

"We find the Tamopan very hardy here and the tree very vigorous. The fruit is handsome, but it does not remain firm as long as the Japanese varieties; hence its keeping season is not so long. Its flavor is not so high in quality as most of the Japanese varieties. However, it is quite valuable on account of its hardiness, vigor, productiveness, and uniformly fairly large size.

"We have three varieties of the jujube, one of which is quite good. They bear very fully and every year, regardless of weather conditions. When their