

found varieties less susceptible to the many peach diseases than are those we have; and the collection from Saharanpur, British India, (Nos. 41731 to 41743) may contain such varieties.

The search for grapes suited to the conditions of the Southern States and possibly capable of hybridizing with the Muscadine has brought in *Vitis tiliacifolia* (No. 41707) from Vera Cruz, Mexico, and *Vitis davidii* (No. 41877) from Central China.

The subtropical and East Indian plum, *Prunus bokhariensis* (No. 42057), from Simla which resembles *Prunus salicina*, may play a role in the production of a plum for our Southern States. The Service Tree of southern Europe, *Sorbus domestica* (No. 41703), which grows into such a stately beautiful tree and bears palatable fruits, appears to have been strangely neglected by horticulturists. Although already very many varieties of Japanese persimmon have been introduced, the extensive collections from Okitsu (Nos. 41691 to 41702, Nos. 41779 to 41793, and Nos. 42138 to 42165) may contain some better suited to our conditions or less astringent than those we are testing.

The Brazilian Expedition, sent out by this office in 1913, discovered in the campo near Lavras a strange and quite remarkable fruit (*Eugenia klotzschiana*), characterized by a remarkable fragrance. Through the kindness of Mr. Hunnicut a quantity of seeds has been secured (No. 42030) and the species will be given a thorough trial.

*Solanum quitoense* (No. 42034), the Naranjilla of Quito, with fruits the size of small oranges, which form the principal article of food of the settlers during certain seasons, should certainly be given a trial in this country.

So much and such genuine interest has been aroused in the Japanese flowering cherry trees, through the gift to the City of Washington by the Mayor of Tokyo of a collection of them, and through the satisfactory growth which specimen trees have made in Maryland, Massachusetts, and California, that a demand for them has grown up which nurserymen find it difficult to meet. It is of interest, therefore, to point out that 54 varieties from the municipal collection of Tokyo near Arakawa, which represent the loveliest of the hundreds of varieties known to the Japanese, have been secured through the Mayor's courtesy, and these will be propagated and distributed under the same varietal names as they bear in the Arakawan collection (Nos. 41817 to 41870).