

Hupeh, China. September 5, 1917.) An ornamental tree belonging to the walnut family, growing to a large size. The foliage is pinnated and of fresh green color. In early spring, before the leaves are out, the trees are loaded with long greenish brown, staminate catkins, which give them a festive appearance; these are followed by racemes of small winged fruits which persist on the trees until September. The young foliage is covered with small yellow-brown glands and when rubbed smells like sour apples. The trees love moist situations, especially near running water and in porous soil; however, they also thrive on dry fields, but do not grow so fast nor so large as when near water. It is one of the best flowering trees in the Foreign concessions at Hankow and Shanghai and is called by foreigners the 'Chinese ash' on account of its resemblance to a *Fraxinus*. Chinese name **Maliu shu**, meaning 'Fiber willow tree', often abbreviated to **Liu shu**. This is a very promising shade tree for streets, parks and gardens in those sections of the United States where the summers are moist and warm and the winters but moderately cold. It does well where rice and cotton mature fully, and where the large-leaved privet (*Ligustrum lucidum* Ait.) and the tea-olive (*Somathus fragrans* Lour.) remain out-of-doors the year round." (Meyer.)

Notes on Behavior of Previous Introductions.

In a letter dated September 7, 1918, Miss Alice Cooper, of Mayesville, South Carolina reports:

"S.P.I. No. 18586, *Prunus* sp. This bore heavily and was a beautiful sight. Some of the plums were almost as big as our largest "Abundance", almost black and covered with a purple bloom. The tree was admired by many for its beauty, and all agreed that the fruit was fine. It was so solid and meaty that it could be cut in slices and had a splendid flavor. We are delighted with it. *Lilium* sp. S.P.I. No. 40751. Lily. This grew nearly four feet tall and bore four of the largest white lilies I ever saw. One bud was six and one half inches long. The blooms were trumpet shaped, pure white, fragrant. Stamens brown."

"*Prunus armeniaca* 38281. **Chinese Apricot** has done exceptionally well, the leaves are healthy and free from shot-hole fungus. No American variety that I

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