

Notes on Behavior of Previous Introductions.

In a letter dated November 2, 1918, Mr. S. Elce, of Mary Esther, Florida, reports as follows; "I have at last the great pleasure of forwarding to you a sample of fruit from a Chinese persimmon plant (*Diospyros kaki*, S. P. I. No. 22350.) you sent me about six years ago. The tree bore three fruits last year, which dropped while green; this year we have nine fine fruits uniform in size and color. One ripened in advance of the others and we ate it direct from the tree and found it more delicious in flavor than any we have as yet tasted from neighboring orchards - and seedless! The one I am sending to you is not fully ripe, but I expect it will be when you receive it; if it is not soft, please keep it a few days, or until it is so. You will find it worth waiting for. I send it in condition to carry through the mail. The tree is fine and healthy, 8 feet high. It has withstood the storms which destroyed our peaches and plums two or three years ago, droughts, etc. You sent me some dasheens (*Colocasia sp.* S. P. I. No. 19224) five or six years ago, which prospered finely and were the admiration of all beholders; the tubers and shoots we found most excellent on the table."