

is necessary to give the culms the necessary hardness and consistency, so that they can be used for manufacturing purposes. Stable manure applied as a mulch is also very beneficial. I am very much interested in this most beautiful and valuable economic species, and if I could get a few additional small plants for my Naples place I would be very much obliged to you. *B. tulda* evidently does not grow well on moist land. In drained, flat-wood soil it grows very well indeed. You are doing well in disseminating this bamboo widely over south Florida, and I hope that it soon will be found in all the gardens and parks of this region."

In a letter dated Dec. 17, 1918, Forest E. Grow, of Eagle Rock, California, reports: "*Ziziphus jujuba*, S. P. I. No. 17752, planted Feb. 1, 1916. The fruits were uniformly larger this year, and the tree bore a heavy crop, which was all dried and stored away for winter use. *Z. jujuba*, S. P. I. No. 30488, planted Feb. 15, 1917, produced about 125 fruits this season. The fruits are of medium size. When processed they have a very rich flavor and fine texture; they dry perfectly. *Z. jujuba*, S. P. I. No. 22686, planted Mar. 5, 1918, produced about 85 fruits. They dry perfectly. When processed, they are of large size, and have a good flavor and texture but not equal to those of S. P. I. No. 30488. All of the jujube fruits we found useful and delicious prepared as follows: processed fruits - similar to dates; syrup - superior in flavor and color to maple syrup; paste - excellent; stewed - after the fruits have been peeled; baked in bread - the fruits being previously peeled and stewed - superior to raisin bread.

*Cydonia oblonga* S. P. I. No. 33214, Quince, planted Feb. 1, 1916, the tree produced its first crop, of 145 fruits, this fall. Two types or shapes were noticeable: one round, the other oblong, of medium size. All who sampled this fruit spoke of the following qualities: smooth surface (easily prepared for use); mellowness (cooks tender like an apple); freedom from usual grittiness; mild, pleasant flavor; good keeping qualities (five fruits in perfect condition, Dec. 17, 1918)."

"Mr. J. R. Lawrence, North Leverett, Mass., writes as follows, Dec. 16, 1918: "*Brassica pekinensis*, S. P. I. No. 44292. *Pai ts'ai*. Planted August 7, it was harvested from September 12, up to the last of October. The heads are large and loose, like loose lettuce, weighing