



THE PICKLED MUMES OF JAPAN.

(*Prunus mume* Sieb. and Zucc. See S. P. I. No. 46694.)

It is hard to realize that there is a cultivated fruit so common in Japan as to form in its pickled condition part of the ration of the Japanese Army and yet be almost absolutely unknown in America. This fruit has a sour taste which is unlike that of any other pickle. When eaten with meats a taste for it can soon be cultivated. Inasmuch as the trees which bear it are hardy and apparently crown-gall resistant, this species of *Prunus*, belonging to the apricot rather than to the plum class, would appear to be worthy of our attention for stock purposes. (Photographed by E. L. Crandall, October 21, 1918; P24327FS.)