



THE CH'ING P'I T' IEN PEAR.

(*Pyrus chinensis* Lindl., S. P. I. No. 38268.)

The green-skin sweet pear, as the Chinese call this variety, was found by F. N. Meyer in February, 1914, in the village of Wulipu, Honan Province, China. As it was winter when he was there and as the pear ripens in August, he never saw the fruit but was told that it did not have good keeping qualities. The fruits photographed are the first to ripen in America. Tasted September 24, 1919, at the Plant Introduction Field Station in Chico, they were found to have an unusually refreshing flavor and remarkable juiciness, which make the variety well worthy of a wider trial. (Photographed, natural size, by David Fairchild, September 24, 1919, Chico, Calif.; P25661FS.)