



THE PIN PEAR.

(*Pyrus chinensis* Lindl., S. P. I. No. 38263.)

The pin (luscious) pear was called to F. N. Meyer's attention in February, 1914, in the village of Wulipu, Honan, China. He never saw the fruit, but was informed that it attains large size and is not a good keeper. Trees of it have just borne at the Chico Plant Introduction Field Station. Unlike the Kieffer and Le Conte pears, the well-known examples of Chinese pears in America, this variety is a good eating pear, being sweet, very juicy, and of melting texture. What its resistance to the blight will prove to be is uncertain. So far it has been blight free. It certainly is worthy of a wide trial in all regions where the oriental pears are grown. (Photographed, natural size, by David Fairchild, Chico, Calif., September 24, 1919; P25653FS.)