

is the occasion for picnics in the campo (country), the inhabitants of the towns and villages betaking themselves to the páramos (alpine plains), where this plant grows abundantly, to gather and eat the fruit.

"The mortiño is a slender, handsome shrub about 6 feet high (often lower than this), with very small, elliptic leaves crowded on the stems, and small bell-shaped, deep pink flowers produced in great abundance. The fruit is roundish, up to about one-third of an inch in diameter, deep glaucous blue, juicy, subacid and pleasant to the taste, containing several very small seeds. It greatly resembles some of the blueberries of the United States, and could probably be developed into a much more valuable fruit than it is today." (Popenoe.)

Notes on Behavior of Previous Introductions.

Mr. Nelson L. Elkins, Irvington, Ala., writes September 6, 1921:

"In the early spring of 1918 you sent me a plant of the Chinese dwarf lemon *Citrus limonia*, S.P.I. No. 23028) which was planted in a grove of Satsuma orange trees at the edge of the grove, and has never been protected in any way. It has withstood the same temperatures as the Satsumas; has never showed the least sign of being frosted even at the most tender tip ends of new growth; seems to be a very thrifty grower; and is now 8 feet high, with a spread of about 12 feet. Last year, its first bearing season, the tree bore about two dozen lemons of ordinary size. This year it has several hundred fruits of various sizes."

Mr. Benjamin Buckman, Farmingdale, Ill., reports September 10, 1921:

"*Castanea mollissima*, S.P.I. No. 36666, of which you sent me several plants some years ago has three burs on it this year; they are not yet ripe. The plants are low and very branchy. So far, there is no chestnut blight here and no weevil.

"I still watch with interest *Cydonia oblonga*, S.P.I. No. 33213, as it is vigorous and hardy and free from blight. I feel sure it will fruit next year. All other quinces here are tender and blighted."