



AN ORCHARD OF METHLEY PLUMS IN TEXAS.

(*Prunus salicina* × *cerasifera myrobalana*, S. P. I. No. 31652.)

The Methley plum has attracted wide and favorable comment from many parts of California and Texas. In Butte County, Calif., it has commenced to bear at two years from planting, and has yielded regularly, maturing its fruits in the latter part of May. In Texas it has withstood, without apparent injury, a severe summer drought which damaged many other plants. Furthermore, it appears to be peculiarly free from disease. The variety was introduced from Pietermaritzburg, Natal, South Africa, where it is thought to have originated as a cross between the Satsuma, a Japanese plum, and the Myrobalan, a European sort. (Photographed at the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, College Station, Tex., November, 1921.)