

tal and also provide countless berries for the birds. The seeds do not digest and I find young plants coming up all through my grove. The plant appears to be rather hardy and endured a sharp frost a few years ago." (Frank Gephart, Miami, Fla., May 1, 1922.)

Lycopersicon esculentum (Solanaceae), 52334. **Tomato.** "Harrison's Prolific." From Burringbar, New South Wales. "The packet of seeds which you sent me I planted at once, and am sending you today a sample basket of the tomatoes. They have but little acid, are smooth and of uniform size, and when ripe are a rich purple-red. The plants are drought-resistant. I am delighted with this variety and would like to plant an acre if possible." (J. W. Reid, Thomasville, Ga., June 6, 1922.)

Ulmus densa (Ulmaceae), 32829. **Elm.** From Merv, Turkestan. "Since planting the two trees which you sent me we have had two unusually severe winters. The trees have made a rather remarkable growth; they are now about 25 feet high, and increase about 5 feet in height each season. The foliage is rather dense and of a healthy green, the leaves are very small, and the branches have a drooping habit somewhat like that of the weeping willow. The tree is absolutely free from any diseases or insect pests, and I consider it one of the most valuable introductions made for many years. It grows very rapidly, even more so than the poplars." (W. S. Pilling, Philadelphia, Pa., June 2, 1922.)

Zephyranthes sp. (Amaryllidaceae), 43053. From Colombia. "This may make a very good bedding plant, as it increases very rapidly and stays in bloom for weeks." (Frank W. Campbell, Detroit, Mich., May 16, 1922.)

Ziziphus jujuba (Rhamnaceae), 22694, From Shansi, China, and 37475, from Honan, China. **Jujube.** "These are both doing very well and producing splendid fruit. The trees do not come into leaf until late, so there is never any loss by late frosts. I am sure that the jujube will be planted extensively in Arizona, for it is a fine looking tree and bears well." (Geo. W. P. Hunt, Phoenix, Ariz., May 16, 1922.)

Notes from Agricultural Explorers in the Field.

Mr. J. F. Rock writes from Szemao, Yunnan, China, March 3, 1922: