

small fishing rods. The plant is quite hardy, withstanding freezing temperatures." (Peter Bisset.)

Prinsepia utilis (Amygdalaceae), 55719. From Likiang, Yunnan, China. Seeds collected by J. F. Rock, Agricultural Explorer of the Bureau of Plant Industry. "(No. 3281. Lashih Pa. May 10, 1922.) A spiny shrub of great ornamental value, which grows on limestone soil at altitudes of 8,000 to 10,000 feet north of Talifu. In December and January the pendent branches bear a great profusion of white flowers. A cooking oil is expressed from the seeds which are gathered by the Chinese and native tribes." (Rock.)

Prunus armeniaca (Amygdalaceae), 55725. **Apricot.** From Algiers, Algeria. Seeds presented by Dr. L. Trabut. "A native apricot known as louz; the tree is very productive and the fruit excellent. This tree is cultivated in a subarid region at M'Sila." (Trabut.)

Prunus serrulata (Amygdalaceae), 55587. **Flowering cherry.** From Yokohama, Japan. Seeds purchased from the Yokohama Nursery Co., Ltd.

Forma *lannesiana*. A variety of Japanese cherry known as Mazakura (synonym, Dai-Sakura), used in Japan as a stock. Prof. Yugo Hoshino, of the Tohoku Imperial University at Sapporo, is quoted as follows in Hedrick's Cherries of New York, p. 75: "In the northern part of Japan proper (main island), it is a common practice to graft European cherries on a special kind of Japanese cherry. This cherry has a peculiar character which fits it for propagation; namely, it roots very easily either from cuttings or by mound layering. It is grown by nurserymen only and is called 'Dai-Sakura.' It has a somewhat dwarfing influence on scions and hastens their fruiting age."

Prunus spp. (Amygdalaceae), 55715-55717. From Jamaica Plain, Mass. Seeds presented by Dr. C. S. Sargent, Arnold Arboretum.

55715. *Prunus serrulata pubescens*. A tree up to 55 feet in height, with a trunk sometimes 7 feet in circumference and leaves with pale-green lower surfaces. The white or pink single flowers are usually about four-fifths of an inch in diameter. This variety has the widest distribution of any of the Japanese cherries, and flowers about two weeks later than *P. serrulata spontanea*, from which variety it differs chiefly in the