

*Picea smithiana* (Pinaceae), 55694. SPRUCE. From Darjiling, India. Seeds presented by G. H. Cave, curator, Lloyd Botanic Garden. The Himalayan spruce is a lofty tree found in the mountains of northwestern India at altitudes of 7,000 to 11,000 feet; the terminal, drooping pale-green cones are 4 to 6 inches long. The stiff, sharp, spirally arranged green leaves are crowded into hanging, taillike twigs when young. The wood is extensively used for rough furniture and planking. (Adapted from Watt, Dictionary of the Economic Products of India, vol. 1, p. 4.)

*Prinsepia sinensis* (Amygdalaceae), 55711. From Jamaica Plain, Mass. Seeds presented by Prof. C. S. Sargent, Arnold Arboretum. "*Prinsepia sinensis* is a species which has been comparatively unknown to horticulturists until recent times. It is quite distinct from the well-known *P. utilis* which yields a cooking oil common in India, but is closely similar to *P. uniflora* which has been introduced by this Office several times. Like *P. uniflora* it is a Chinese ornamental shrub with gray or whitish bark and small gray spines. But while *P. uniflora* has white flowers, dark purple fruits, and thick, linear-lanceolate leaves, *P. sinensis* is distinguished by yellow flowers, deep red fruits and thin, ovatelanceolate leaves. The shrub is said to be somewhat hardier than *P. uniflora*. The plant is of striking habit and the clusters of large bright-yellow flowers must make it a brilliant sight on its native Mongolian hills from Mukden to the Yalu. It is early blooming, but at the Arnold Arboretum it bears only a few fruits." (D. C. Peattie.)

*Prunus armeniaca* (Amygdalaceae), 55729. APRICOT. From Likiang, Yunnan, China. Seeds collected by J. F. Rock, Agricultural Explorer of the Bureau of Plant Industry. "(Nguluke, Likiang Valley. June 25, 1922.) The trees, 45 feet or more high, found in this region at altitudes of 8,000 to 9,200 feet, are apparently free from disease and should make good stock plants. The small, sour, rich red fruits, which are deliciously fragrant, are excellent for jam or for stewing." (Rock.)

*Prunus majestica* (Amygdalaceae), 55732. CHERRY. From Talifu, Yunnan, China. Seeds collected by J. F. Rock, Agricultural Explorer of the Bureau of Plant Industry. "(No. 3174. Talifu. April 25, 1922.) A fine large tree, 60 to 70 feet in height, of *Prunus pseudocerasus* type, found in the foothills of Talifu at altitudes of 6,700 to 7,000 feet. The tree from which these seeds were collected had three trunks clothed with smooth, shining bronzed-colored bark with horizontal bands speckled with white. Each trunk was over a foot in diameter, the branches were stout and erect, the foliage dark green, and the fruits small, oblong, reddish, and cherry like in appearance." (Rock.)

*Prunus mume* (Amygdalaceae), 55633-55645. JAPANESE APRICOT. From Lokong, Kwangtung, China. Seeds presented by G. Weidman Groff, general director, Canton Christian College. Collected by F. A. McClure, of the Canton Christian College.