

much attention. About 20 families in this town were furnished with them several times and most of them liked the new vegetable very much. I have no cold storage facilities available here, but think that I will be able to give several people three chayotes each this spring. The chayote matures here at a time when gardens are rather bare. I consider it a great addition to our list of vegetables and expect to get it widely known hereabouts. If an eastern market in the Spanish colonies of New York, Philadelphia, etc., should develop, I would be inclined to grow it on a commercial scale." (Geo. D. Lowe, Baxley, Ga., March 8, 1923.)

DIOSCOREA ALATA (Dioscoreaceae). **Yam.** "I wish to make a report to you in regard to the West Indian yams received last April. I think I can say that the tropical yam is a success here in St. Tammany parish and I am pleased with results. Four varieties were sent me for testing, three with dull white skin and one with pink skin. Two of these varieties bore aerial tubers. The underground tubers were somewhat rough and irregular in shape and came out all in one root without any separable tubers. They would weigh 10 and 15 pounds each, and any one of them would nearly fill an ordinary water bucket. They keep well. For eating the yams are very good, reminding one of the Irish potato, and I liked them either fried or boiled." (W. H. Garrison, Slidell, La., April 1, 1923.)

MALUS SYLVESTRIS (Malaceae), 39829. **Apple.** "Limoncella." From Rome, Italy. "The 'Limoncella' apple received 3 years ago is a wonder and I think it is the variety best adapted to this part of the country. Each year it has borne fruits of firm texture and fine quality." (C. P. Barrows, San Diego, Calif., March 16, 1923.)

PRUNUS PSEUDO-CERASUS (Amygdalaceae), 18587. **Tangsi cherry.** From Tangsi, Chekiang, China. "I was in Loomis, Calif., last Tuesday (March 27) and saw a tree of this variety loaded with an enormous crop. The cherries were about two-thirds grown and should be ripe in a few days. Last year this tree furnished the earliest cherries in the State, and Howard Smith, the owner of the tree, sent a box of them to the Red Cross in Chicago, where it was auctioned off for fifty dollars. You are probably aware that this is a red cherry of small size but delicious flavor." (G. P. Rixford, San Francisco, Calif., March 31, 1923.)

"Several weeks earlier than usual the first shipment of cherries was made last Tuesday (March 27) from Vacaville, Calif. These were of the Chinese variety and the box was sent from the Hill ranch by C. M. Chubb to Chicago, where it will be auctioned off to the highest bidder. Sometimes as much as \$150.00 is received for this early box of cherries, which is always the first to be sent to market from any part of the United States." (San Francisco Chronicle, March 31, 1923.)