

trial in the Southwestern States, southern California in particular. It is described by Bentham, in the *Flora Australiensis*, as 2 to 3 feet high, with slender scattered leaves half an inch in length; flowers either in small clusters in the upper axils, or borne in a large leafy terminal cluster; corolla about an inch long, with spreading dark-blue wings marked with parallel transverse veins, the sepals narrow like the leaves. The family to which it belongs, Goodeniaceae, is distributed mainly through Australia and the Pacific Islands; the plant itself seems little known horticulturally, and likely to prove worth cultivating in this country as an ornamental.

**MALUS YUNNANENSIS** (Malaceae). 58828. From Yunnan, China. Seeds collected by J. F. Rock, Collaborator of the Bureau of Plant Industry. During his explorations in southwestern China, Mr. Rock collected many wild species of *Malus*. Plants grown from seeds secured by him were distributed by this Office the past season. In November, 1923, he obtained the present species at Ganhaitze, Yunnan, where it occurred at altitudes approximating 11,000 feet. Mr. Rock's note, which accompanied the shipment of seeds, describes the plant as a handsome spreading tree 25 feet high, with large, hairy, broadly oval leaves, dark green above and yellowish gray beneath; and white, rose-tinted blossoms produced in many-flowered clusters. The fruits, which are borne in large numbers, are yellowish red and about the size of cherries. Since it comes from a region of comparatively mild winters, it may not succeed in the eastern United States north of the Carolinas. It deserves trial as a stock-plant for cultivated apples, and may be useful in breeding apples which will succeed in warm climates. For ornamental plantings also, it may be of value.

**OLEA EUROPAEA** (Oleaceae), 58661. **Barouni olive**. From Ariana, near Tunis, North Africa. Cuttings presented by Dr. F. Boeuf, chief, Botanical Service. In 1904, Dr. T. H. Kearney, of the Bureau of Plant Industry, traveled extensively in Tunis, where he secured and forwarded to the Office of Foreign Seed and Plant Introduction scions of the Barouni olive. In recent years, trees grown from these scions have attracted much attention in the Sacramento Valley of California.

From a bulletin entitled "L'Olivier en Tunisie," written by N. Minangoin and published by the Direction of Agriculture and Commerce of Tunis in 1901, we translate the following information concerning Barouni:

"This variety is found almost exclusively in the olive orchards of the Sahel (eastern coast of Tunis), and in particular at Kalaa-Srira, 11 kilometers from the town of Sousse. It is characterized as follows: