

which to graft other varieties. It will be noted that the seeds, not scions, are introduced; there is no assurance that the fruit produced by seedlings will agree with the above description, but we infer that this is a semi-wild form, not a highly improved one, and that seedlings will in consequence bear fruit more closely resembling that of the parent than is usual in cultivated North American apricots.

PRUNUS spp. (Amygdalaceae). **Cherry.** From Yunnan, China. Seeds collected by J. F. Rock, Collaborator of the Bureau of Plant Industry.

Among Mr. Rock's recent collections in Yunnan, the following two cherries stand out as of particular interest. They both have red flowers, and come from an elevation which indicates that they may prove sufficiently hardy for cultivation in the northern United States.

Prunus tomentosa, which stands the winters of North Dakota, occurs in the same region.

58832. PRUNUS sp. "(No. 11221. Champutong. October, 1923.) A red-flowered tree 15 feet high, from an altitude of about 13,000 feet in the Salwin Valley. The fruits are ovoid and red." (Rock.)

58833. PRUNUS sp. "(No. 11237. Mount Kenichunpu. October, 1923.) A dwarf cherry which grows as a shrub 4 feet high at an altitude of about 13,000 feet on the Salwin-Irrawaddy Divide, Tibetan Border. It has oval, serrate leaves, red flowers, and ovoid black fruits." (Rock.)

PYRUS spp. (Malaceae.) **Pear.** From Yunnan, China. Seeds collected by J. F. Rock, Collaborator of the Bureau of Plant Industry.

Last season this Office distributed an extensive series of wild pears, collected by Agricultural Explorer Rock, who has since January, 1923, been conducting his work under the auspices of the National Geographic Society of Washington, D. C. Mr. Rock sends in two additional species, as yet undetermined botanically, which he thinks may be valuable as stock-plants on which to graft cultivated pears. Since these species come from 10,000 feet elevation, they are not likely to prove hardy in the northern United States, though an actual test will be required before it can be ascertained just how much cold they will tolerate.

58834. PYRUS sp. "(No. 11480. November, 1923.) A tree 20 feet high, found along stream beds at the foot of and on the slopes of the Likiang Snow Range at about 10,000 feet altitude. It is a handsome species, with large crenate leaves white-tomentose beneath, white flowers, and yellowish red fruits the size of a cherry." (Rock.)

58835. PYRUS sp. "(No. 11492. Lautchunshan. November, 1923.) A handsome tree about 25 feet high, with leaves white-hairy beneath, and corymbs of red fruits. It grows at an altitude of about 10,000 feet." (Rock.)