

PRUNUS CERASUS. 26471. Seed of a wild cherry from Kashmir, India, presented by Mr. J. Mollison. This tree bears fruit when 5 years old and 10 feet high. For distribution later.

PYRUS SPP. 26485-489. Cuttings of five kinds of pear from Manchuria. Presented by Mr. Edward C. Parker. "All these pears are hardy and resistant to drought and high, drying winds. They are cultivated by the Chinese in many places among the hills of southwestern Manchuria, as far north as 43-44°. The fruits are all hard, maturing late and keeping all winter. The quality of the fruit is not anywhere near as good as the American Bartlett or Anjou; it is quite edible, however, and might be valuable in such regions as North and South Dakota, where hot winds, short periods of drought and cold winters form a climate very similar to the native habitat of these trees.

PYRUS COMMUNIS. 26474. Seed of a wild pear from Kashmir, India, Presented by Mr. J. Mollison. For distribution later.

RHEUM NOBILE. 26501. Rhubarb from Sikkim, E. Hamalaya, India, presented by A. T. Gage, Superintendent Royal Botanical Garden, Sibpur, Calcutta, India.

SOLANUM SPP. 26517-535. Tubers of Chilean potatoes, first generation grown from seed at Arlington Farm, Virginia, under the supervision of Mr. W. V. Shear. Turned over to this office for distribution, January, 1910. Nineteen varieties.

#### NOTES FROM FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS.

CHINA, Hankow. A. Snyder sends an Ichang lemon. It weighs 20 oz. These lemons are coarse in flavor but the juice from a fresh one will three fourths fill an ordinary tumbler.

CHINA, Kia ying chau. Geo. Campbell, Dec. 13. Can send cuttings of a seedless grape, two kinds of persimmons, two kinds of carambolas (*Averrhoa carambola*), sweet and sour and the great fragrant Chinese lemon (*hiong-yen*.)