



ACTINIDIA CHINENSIS, YANG TAU VINE.

Photograph showing a portion of Yang Tau vine, Plant Introduction No. 11629, at the Plant Introduction Garden, Chico, California. Introduced from Yunnan, China, in 1904, through Consul-General Wilcox, of Hankow, China. So far as known this introduction has produced only male flowers in America and it is reported that female flowers have not yet been seen in Europe. The fruit is said to be about an inch in diameter and to have a delicate gooseberry flavor. One of the finest of jellies is made from this fruit. When plants bearing female flowers are established here and fruit is secured, this may possibly be of economic importance in the warmer parts of the United States. As an ornamental for covering trellises, porches and buildings where a rather coarse, strong growing deciduous vine is required, it will prove of great value. It appears to be half-hardy as far north as Washington, D. C., where plants have made excellent growth for the past 3 years, although the stems were killed back several feet each winter. However, they have not yet flowered in this section. A photograph of this fruit was published in Bulletin No. 29, this series.