



CRATAEGUS PINNATIFIDA. CHINESE LARGE-FRUITED HAW.

Photograph of an orchard of the large-fruited haw, which is grown in extensive orchards near Tai an fu, Shantung, whence the largest and best haw fruit is shipped to all parts of China. These trees are all grafted on the wild *Crataegus pinnatifida*, are entirely thornless, and are carefully cultivated. The trees are slow in growth and withstand extreme drought, heat and cold. They are also remarkably ornamental, having large, glossy, dark-green leaves, which persist till late in the autumn, becoming gorgeously red and yellow. The trees are naturally rounded, are rarely more than 30 feet in height, and some varieties branch close to the ground as may be seen from the photograph. In fall they are loaded with bright red, firm fruits. The fruits of the best varieties are only slightly acid, and are as large as good-sized crab-apples. These are in such demand in China for preserves, jellies and sweetmeats, that the supply is less than the demand. Certain forms are also sliced and dried for winter use in compotes, etc. These facts undoubtedly will commend these trees for extensive trials in many sections of the United States, which no doubt will result in proving them to be of considerable value in the sections where they succeed. (Meyer's photograph, Tai an fu, Shantung, September 14, 1907.)