



MALUS SP. WILD APPLE.

"A large single growing specimen of a wild apple (*Malus* sp.) The bark of these wild apples is scaly and comes off in patches. The growth seems to be slow, but their resistance to cold and drought seems quite remarkable. They are probably of very great value as hybridizing material as factors in creating hardier races of apples, especially fit for the upper Mississippi Valley regions." From photograph by Mr. Frank N. Meyer, Valley of the Chong Djighilan, Chinese Turkestan, altitude 3700 feet, March 18, 1911.

In addition to this tree Mr. Meyer found many other forms concerning which he writes, "The fruits vary in quality and size from very small and sour hard fruits to medium sized apples of very fair taste. These are dried by the natives for winter use." Cuttings and seeds of these apples were sent in under Nos. 30946-949, 31279-280.