



ZIZIPHUS JUJUBA. JUJUBE.

"An orchard of a variety of jujube, called 'Hsiao tsao', showing the way all trees have been ringed to make them produce more fruit." From photograph by Mr. Frank N. Meyer, taken near Laoling, Shantung, China, March 31, 1913. The jujube is one of the five principal fruits of China and has been cultivated for at least 4000 years. There are hundreds of varieties, differing in shape, size and quality, some of the varieties producing seedless fruit, and others fruit the size of a hen's egg. The fruit is used fresh, candied, dried, or made into preserves. The seedless sort is stewed with rice much as raisins are used in this country. Trees of some of the larger fruited Chinese jujubes growing in Texas and California from plant material introduced from China by the Office of Foreign Seed and Plant Introduction have borne fruit of good size and quality. It is believed that this Chinese dryland fruit tree will be adapted to a wide area of the United States and prove of considerable importance as a new cultivated tree fruit.