

dry they are very hard, so hard that they must be soaked in water until thoroughly wet and planted where they will freeze so as to burst open the shell." (Deal.) For distribution later.

*Prunus tomentosa*. (Amygdalaceae.) 36086. About 42000 seeds of a bush cherry from Tientsin, China. "A fruit, eminently suited for the home garden in the colder, semi-arid sections of the United States. The Chinese most times bud or graft this bush-cherry on the remarkably thrifty wild peach *Amygdalus davidiana*, on which stock it takes a much more vigorous growth and is also better able to withstand drought and adverse conditions than when left on its own roots. Chinese name 'Ying tau'r'." (Meyer's introduction.) For distribution later.

*Prunus triloba*. (Amygdalaceae.) 36112. Seeds of a flowering plum from Peking, China. "A flowering plum much cultivated in the gardens of north China and existing in a great many varieties. The color of its flowers ranges from pale pink to a dark violet-rose, while as regards size, degrees of doubleness, profusion, difference in time of opening and in the lasting qualities a very great variation exists. The Chinese in the north always graft or bud this flowering plum on the wild peach (*Amygdalus davidiana*.) This is mostly down low in the ground but one also finds specimens budded high up and trained as standard trees. In this way a specimen looks fine when planted in a formal courtyard. This flowering plum is also a great favorite with the Chinese for forcing and thousands of dollars worth of them are disposed of every winter. The few fruits that these bushes bear possess no value, being the size of a cherry and having a large stone covered with an inedible hairy skin of a yellowish-red color when ripe. This shrub is much recommended for ornamental purposes all over the temperate parts of the United States and especially for the drier sections when grafted on *Amygdalus davidiana*. For forcing purposes when budded on this stock it may give surprising results for earliness. The Chinese name is 'Yu ye mei hua' which means 'Elm-leaved flowering plum.'" (Meyer's introduction.) For distribution later.

*Raphanus sativus*. (Brassicaceae.) 36115. Seeds of the Chinese winter radish from Peking, China. "A fine variety of the long, green winter radish called 'Ching loba.' Especially recommended for its stomachic properties. As a winter vegetable, especially for those doing hard manual labor, this Chinese winter radish will be of inestimable