

*Amygdalus persica*. (Amygdalaceae.) 36485. Seeds of a peach from the Kurram Valley, Northwest Frontier Province, India. Presented by Consul-General Henry D. Baker, who secured them from Major G. J. Davis, Commandant, Kurram Militia, Parachinar, Kurram Valley. "The Shalil grows like a peach which it much resembles, and has about the same blossom. The flesh is yellow and sweet, but it is not so juicy as that of the peach. Major Davis considers that it would be a particularly valuable fruit for cooking or canning, as the flesh being harder than that of a peach would probably not break so easily and could be more easily manipulated for such purposes. It grows at about 5600 feet elevation. The only reference I can find to the Shalil in any book I have on India is in the Imperial Gazetteer of the Northwest Province, wherein it states as regards the Kurram Valley: The climate varies. In the winter even Lower Kurram is very cold and a bitter wind prevails while in the summer it is hot and dry. Upper Kurram is never unpleasantly hot even in summer, while in winter snow covers the ground for weeks. Wherever water is available for irrigation the soil is highly productive, but owing to the absence of a settled government and the internal feuds of the people, the cultivable area is not all under cultivation, and irrigation is only carried on by small canals constructed and maintained by a single hamlet or family. Apples, pears, grapes, cherries, pomegranates, peaches, and a fruit peculiar to the Kurram and Tirah, known as the Shalil, also grow; and with improved communications fruit-growing will probably become an important industry. Famine is unknown in Kurram." (Baker.) For distribution later.

*Arbutus canariensis*. (Ericaceae.) 36529. Seeds of the madronho from Teneriffe, Canary Islands. Presented by Dr. George V. Perez, Puerto Orotava. "The madronho is becoming very rare here, but it is still found in the mountain ravines. It will not stand frost." (Perez.) "It is one of the most beautiful shade trees that is grown around Naples and should be tested for park and street purposes in Florida and Southern California. Its clean pink and green bark and dark green foliage make it a most strikingly beautiful object." (Fairchild.) For distribution later.

*Carica papaya*. (Papayaceae.) 36273, 36275-278. Seeds of papayas from Theophilo Ottoni, Minas Geraes, Brazil. Presented by Mr. Fred Birch. Several varieties of papayas, some with small seed cavities, and of excellent quality, others from so-called "male" trees, others of good keeping and shipping qualities. For distribution later.