

of fresh ginger rhizomes for planting, No. 1214. The peach material is labeled 1213 and I am enclosing the Inventory notes, describing the shipment. We had much trouble in getting these peaches as the people asked the most fabulous prices, for instance 40 and 50 dollars a tree. My interpreter, through some diplomatic dealings, obtained a plot containing eight trees, for forty dollars. As a result we had to leave Feitcheng rather hurriedly because the relatives of the man who made the deal had not been consulted and they wanted to take the trees back or destroy them. Well two are now on the road to America and the others go with me tomorrow. We hope to take the 3 A. M. train for Tientsin so as to get the Hawtrees and other plants off for America."

Mr. Frank N. Meyer writes from Peking, China, April 7th, 1914. "As you will notice, I have landed again in old Peking and received a cordial welcome from my many friends here. Dr. Reinsch, our Minister, wanted to hear straight away what sort of a trip I had. Well, I cannot say that my trip has been a bad one, for so far as collecting of material is concerned, for I have obtained material of some very important things like all these varieties of Persimmons; these very large Jujubes; large-fruited Chinese haws, trees of the famous Fei peach; nuts and scions of an apparently disease-resistant form of the Chinese chestnut; remarkable varieties of tree-peonies; a new lumber tree (*Catalpa bungei*) besides several minor things.

The one hundred and twenty photographic exposures I made on this past trip were developed and this morning I obtained the films and prints. There are some striking ones among them, which will serve their purpose well of illustrating some coming new industries. The large fruit-jujubes have come out especially well.

Then I will have to announce to you the coming into my possession of 175 pieces of mail, among which a goodly number of letters from you, for which I tender my best thanks. Some weeks will pass before I am through with it all.