

*Amygdalus persica.* (Amygdalaceae.) 38178. Cuttings and plants of the Fei peach from Feitcheng, Shantung, China. "A remarkable variety of clingstone peach, considered to be the best in all China. Size large to very large; shape round, very heavy, often over one pound apiece; skin quite downy and of pale yellowish color with a slight blush on one side. Flesh very juicy and sweet and of excellent aromatic flavor, of white color, except near the stone where it is reddish. Stone very large and pointed, flesh strongly adhering to it. Ripens in early to middle October and possesses excellent shipping and keeping qualities. The trees are of erect growth when young, but when older they spread out considerably, remaining of open growth. To reach their greatest perfection these peaches need to be fertilized each spring, while during dry seasons, they are irrigated from wells. The fruit is also thinned. The soil they seem to thrive in best is a porous, light clayey loam of reddish color, retaining moisture quite well, but not becoming too soggy. The local people calculate that on an average a tree supplies ten dollars Mexican worth of fruit each season and they consider an orchard of these peaches a very valuable asset indeed. The climate around Feitcheng is of a semi-arid nature and this variety of peach may be expected to thrive especially well in the regions west of the Rocky Mountains. Chinese name, 'Fei tao,' meaning 'Fei peach.' (Meyer's introduction.)

*Amygdalus persica.* (Amygdalaceae.) 38272-276. Peach cuttings from near Tai an fu, Shantung, China. Five varieties, one said to be very large and juicy, weighing up to a pound, and keeping to December, another of medium size, ripening late, and keeping well, a third very ornamental flowering variety, with small, peculiarly-shaped 3-pointed, rosy-red fruits, and two of the 'pien tao' or flat varieties, of good quality. (Meyer's introduction.)

*Catalpa bungei.* (Bignoniaceae.) 38254. Trees of catalpa from near the village of Wang yu ko, Shansi, China. "A quickly growing Chinese timber tree, growing to large size, specimens seen 100 feet tall, with trunks 10-15 feet in diameter a few feet above the ground. The Chinese plant this tree for its wood, which is strong, light, durable and non-warping. It resembles walnut to a considerable extent and is much in demand for table tops and for fine furniture. This tree might possibly be profitably cultivated in the semi-arid sections of the United States where the winters are not too severe, while the summers may be quite hot. They are easily propagated from