

*Hypericum oblongifolium*. (Hypericaceae.) 38153. Seeds of a St. John's wort from Ventimiglia, Italy. Presented by Dr. Alwin Berger, Curator, La Mortola Gardens. "A shrub, truly hardy in England, with evergreen foliage and large handsome yellow blossoms, which is a native of northern India, Nepal, and the Himalayas. It is found growing at elevations of from six to twelve thousand feet. It is a small rather compact shrub, with red-brown terete branches. The leaves of this species which are the largest of the genus, are dark green above, pale and glaucous beneath, and two to four inches in length, and evergreen." (Botanical magazine, pl. 4949.)

*Inocarpus edulis*. (Fabaceae.) 38135. Seeds of the Tahiti-chestnut from Pago Pago, American Samoa. Presented by Commander C. D. Stearns, Governor. "One of the most striking features of the forest. It bears a kidney-shaped fruit which is eaten cooked, when not quite ripe, and tastes much like a chestnut. The wood is of light color, straight, of fine texture, and very tough. It is used for burning lime in open kilns, the wood having the remarkable quality of burning readily when green. In some of the Pacific Islands the nuts are preserved in pits, like breadfruit, where they ferment. In Samoa it forms a staple food for several months of the year. The wood is perishable and of little economic value. The bark is astringent." (Stearns.)

*Malus sp.* (Malaceae.) 38231. Scions of a crab-apple from Sianfu, Shensi, China. "A flowering crab-apple, of low branching, wide spreading growth, said to bear masses of small, double flowers of rosy-red color. Obtained from the garden of the English Baptist Mission Hospital at Sianfu." (Meyer's introduction.)

*Malus sp.* (Malaceae.) 38279. Scions of an apple from the village of Fan dja tchwang, near Tai an fu, Shantung, China. "A variety of apple, said to be large, of red color; flesh firm and of sweet flavor. Chinese name 'Ta ping kuo', meaning 'large apple'. Apparently very drought-resistant, and possibly of value for the drier parts of the United States." (Meyer's introduction.)

*Mimusops sp.* (Sapotaceae.) 38172. Seeds from the Rio de Janeiro Botanic Garden. "A small, sapotaceous fruit from the Jardim Botânico. Tree about 20 feet high. Fruit oval, slightly under one inch in length, maroon in color. The flesh surrounding the single seed is whitish and of very pleasant flavor resembling that of the sapodilla. (Dorsett, Popenoe and Shamel introduction.)