

*Panax quinquefolium*. (Araliaceae.) 38742-751. Seeds of ten varieties of ginseng from China. Presented by His Excellency Ts'ao Ju-lin, twice Minister for Foreign Affairs, through Dr. Paul S. Reinsch, American Minister, Peking, at the request of Mr. Frank N. Meyer. Wild and cultivated varieties from Shengking province, Manchuria.

*Plagianthus betulinus*. (Malvaceae.) 38969. Seeds from Epsom, Auckland, New Zealand. Presented by Mr. D. Petrie. "A tree, varying from 30 to 60 feet in height, with terminal panicles of white flowers. The young shrub forms a mass of tortuous interlacing branches." (Laing and Blackwell, Plants of New Zealand.) "This tree is from the southern part of our colony and should be hardy enough for your lowlands. The tree is dioecious and it would be interesting to note how many turn out male and how many female. The tree naturally grows on alluvial flats and by the side of streams that meander through such stations. I doubt if it would thrive anywhere else." (Petrie.)

*Prunus armeniaca*. (Amygdalaceae.) 38778, 38978. Seeds of an apricot from Somma Vesuviana, Italy. Presented by Dr. Gustav Eisen, Rome. "Pelese apricot. Size large, slightly ovoid. Deep crease between the cheeks, one of which is larger than the other. Skin smooth, without spots. Color, orange chrome, with carmine flush. Seed medium, with a small projection or hump. Flesh very firm, ripens evenly all around and shows no unripe side. Flavor very fine. Sweetness medium (the specimen having been picked while unripe.) Leaves pointed. I consider this apricot one of the finest if not the finest I have come across. It should be a splendid shipper, and if the sweetness is increased by allowing the fruit to ripen more, it should prove a very desirable table fruit, superior to the Royal. An average fruit displaced 53 cubic cm. water, when immersed in a graduate." (Eisen.)

*Prunus sargentii*. (Amygdalaceae.) 38761. Seeds from the Arnold Arboretum, Jamaica Plain, Mass. Presented by the Director, Dr. C. S. Sargent. "This species is considered by Wilson valuable as a stock for Japanese cherries." (Sargent.)

*Prunus tomentosa*. (Amygdalaceae.) 38856. Seeds from Peking, China. About 125 pounds of stones of the north Chinese bush-cherry, a fruiting shrub of great promise for the cooler, semi-arid sections of the United States. Chinese name 'Suan tau'r' or 'Suan ying tau'r,' meaning 'sour cherry.'" (Meyer's introduction.)