

*Syringa spp.* (38828-830. Seeds of lilacs from Shensi, China. One "A tree lilac, found in great masses here and there on rocky mountain slopes, at elevations between 3000 and 5000 feet above sea level. Of value as a stock for 'standard' lilacs and for hybridization purposes." Another "A small lilac of very sturdy growth, found in rocky cliffs at elevations from 4000 to 6000 feet. Of value for the northern sections of the United States as a garden and park shrub." (Meyer's introductions.)

*Thuja orientalis.* (Pinaceae.) 38797. Seeds of arbor-vitae from Chao yi hsien, China. "A remarkable form of the oriental arbor-vitae, of flattened-globular shape and of very dense growth. A rare tree. Of value for cemeteries and for places of dignity. Specially suited to mild-wintered, semi-arid climes." (Meyer's introduction.)

*Toona sinensis.* (Meliaceae.) 38805. Seeds from Changli, Chihli, China. Collected by Mrs. Mary Clemens, from whom they were secured by Mr. Frank N. Meyer, Agricultural Explorer. "The well known Chinese cigar-box wood, *Cedrela sinensis*, of which the Chinese eat the young sprouts like spinach. The trees become quite old, grow to large size and withstand drought and alkali to a considerable extent. Recommended as a shade and avenue tree for the mild-wintered sections of the semi-arid belt in the United States. Chinese name 'Hsiang chun shu,' meaning 'sweet chun tree.'" (Meyer's introduction.)

*Vitis tiliaefolia.* (Vitaceae.) 38853. Cuttings from a wild grape from Herradura, Pinar del Rio, Cuba. "A vigorous, rapid-growing vine, occurring in the mountains of this province. These cuttings were obtained from a plant growing in the garden of Prof. F. S. Earle, who considers the species to be of great interest and value for use in developing a race of grapes which can be successfully grown in strictly tropical regions, and he recommends that careful attention be devoted to the hybridization of this species with some of the northern cultivated grapes. In Prof. Earle's garden the vine has completely covered a cashew tree 20 or 25 feet in height, and produces fruit very similar in appearance to the wild grape of the north. The bunches are 3 to 5 inches in length, loose, the berries deep purple in color and about three-eighths of an inch in diameter. They are used here for making jelly and grape juice." (Popenoe's introduction.)

#### NOTES FROM CORRESPONDENTS ABROAD.

Dr. George V. Perez writes from Santa Ursula, Tenerife. "In our beautiful climate trees will flower and fruit in