

POPULUS SPP. (Salicaceae.) 30147-150. Cuttings of four species of poplar from Chinese Turkestan. Among them are a form of the Lombardy poplar, very free from galls and diseases, a poplar, the young branches of which have a particularly white bark, which makes it attractive in winter, and a resinous-budded tree with very variable leaves, recommended as a hardy ornamental for the colder and bleaker sections of the United States. (Meyer's introductions.) For distribution later.

PRUNUS ARMENIACA. See also AMYGDALUS ARMENIACA, under which name scions of S. P. I. No. 30463 were sent in.

PRUNUS ARMENIACA. (Amygdalaceae.) 30310-313, 30321, 30323, 30342-348, 30355. Cuttings of apricots from Chinese Turkestan. "The Turkestan varieties of apricots seem all to be able to stand a fair amount of alkali in the soil and are not hurt by great fluctuations in temperature." These forms nearly all have sweet kernels, replacing almonds in local consumption. No. 30312 is said to "stand apparently more cold, alkali, and neglect than any other variety of apricot." Another, No. 30355, from Khanaka, "RIPENS TOWARDS THE END OF AUGUST AT AN ELEVATION OF ABOUT 6000 FEET, WHERE IT IS SO COOL THAT MELONS, GRAPES AND PEACHES DO NOT RIPEN." These apricots are recommended to be given a thorough test especially in the western parts of the United States. Also to be tried in hybridization experiments with native plums, so as to create new strains of garden fruits, fit to stand severe cold. The wild apricots from Manchuria and northern Korea might be taken for stocks and native hardy plums might also be tested for this purpose. (Meyer's introductions.) For distribution later.

PRUNUS DOMESTICA. (Amygdalaceae.) 30315, 30320, 30322, 30349-350, 30356. Cuttings of plums and prunes from Chinese Turkestan. These numbers include prunes, large and quite resistant to drought and alkali, drought resistant plums, and especially No. 30356, "A plum called 'Alutch'a'. A very remarkable sort of plum, fruits being medium large, of golden yellow color, clingstone, of fine flavor. Ripening early, in the latter part of July, but CAN BE KEPT FOR A FEW MONTHS. Are excellent material for preserves and jellies. Apparently a very rare and probably new variety of Central Asian plum. Obtained from the garden of the Hon. George Macartney, British Consul at Kashgar." (Meyer's introductions.) For distribution later.