

8825. PRUNUS ARMENIACA.**Apricot.**

From Kurrachee, India. Received through Messrs. Lathrop and Fairchild (No. 938, February 26, 1902), June 7, 1902.

"Dried apricots which were bought on the market in Kurrachee as coming from Kandahar. These apricots, when stewed and served as they are in India, have a really very delicious flavor. There is a bit of disagreeable fiber about the stone, but altogether they struck me as a novelty worthy of attention. Should they prove valuable, cuttings may be obtained by correspondence." (*Fairchild.*)

8826. PRUNUS sp.**Plum.**

From Arabia. Received through Messrs. Lathrop and Fairchild, June 7, 1902.

No data furnished.

8827. PRUNUS sp.**Plum.**

From Bassorah, Arabia. Received through Messrs. Lathrop and Fairchild (No. 865, February 26, 1902), June 7, 1902.

Aluche. "A variety sold on the markets of Bassorah as coming from Persia. A sour variety, which may be useful to breeders." (*Fairchild.*)

8828. ZIZYPHIUS JUJUBA.**Jujube.**

From Bassorah, Arabia. Received through Messrs. Lathrop and Fairchild, June 7, 1902.

Samples of a variety similar to No. 8702.

8829 to 8847. FICUS CARICA.**Fig.**

From Italy. Received through Mr. W. T. Swingle (Nos. 101 to 119), June 13, 1902.

"The following collection of caprifig cuttings was obtained during the spring of 1902 at Naples, the classic ground for the study of caprifigs and caprifigation. Considerable attention was given to the study of the botanical characters of the caprifig trees, and detailed descriptions were drawn up of seven of the principal varieties of caprifigs occurring in this region. It was found possible to draw up a key for the determination of the different varieties of caprifig, based on these characters, which key is given below. It applies only to those of the caprifigs which were carefully studied, but it will doubtless prove useful to investigators who wish to study the caprifigs of Naples. This collection, like that included under numbers 6473 to 6491 and 6773 to 6823, has been introduced to this country in the hope of securing an assortment of caprifigs adapted to all the climatic and soil conditions occurring in California, where all of these caprifigs will be tested as soon as possible. A few varieties of figs are also included in this collection." (*Swingle.*)

KEY TO SEVEN PRINCIPAL VARIETIES OF NEAPOLITAN CAPRIFIGS.

Leaves *nearly entire* or but slightly lobed, small, short, covered with a golden pubescence; middle lobe obtuse and rounded. *Petioles short and very stout*, also pubescent. Veins reddish on drying. Profichi ovate with few male flowers; flower pedicels green. No. 8838.

Leaves decidedly lobed, or, if not, nearly smooth.

Leaves *velvety pubescent*, *petioles short and very stout*, also pubescent. Leaves many (5-7) *lobed*.

Middle lobe with obtuse and rounded apex. Veins green on drying. Lamina yellow dotted.

Profichi small *oval* with many male flowers. No. 8844.

Leaves not velvety, hairy; profichi ovate.

Petioles very long (reaching beyond sinuses when reflexed). Sinuses very deep and narrow. Middle lobe with rounded apex. Leaf long and narrow with U-shaped base. Veins reddish on drying. No. 8829.

Petioles short or medium in length (not reaching to sinuses if reflexed).

Profichi depressed at apex. Flower cavity *broader than long*. Leaves with *deep and narrow sinuses*;

medium sized, regular in outline; 3-lobed, middle lobe with acute straight-sided apex.

Lamina decurrent on petiole. Veins drying reddish; flower pedicels purplish. No. 8834.

Sinuses open, usually shallow. Profichi not depressed at apex. Flower cavity longer than

broad.

Middle lobe rounded and obtuse. Leaf and petiole moderately hairy. Sinuses shallow and open.

Veins drying reddish. Lamina not decurrent. No. 8832.

Middle lobe with acute, straight-sided apex.

Leaves large, irregularly 3-5 lobed. Sinuses shallow, usually very open. Lamina decurrent. Veins

drying reddish. Flower pedicels purplish. No. 8845.

Leaves medium sized. Lamina not decurrent. Veins green on drying. *Petioles and palmate*

veins very glabrous. Flower pedicels green. No. 8837.