

17723 to 17743.

From China. Received through Mr. F. N. Meyer, March 1, 1906.

A collection of bud sticks, as follows:

17723. PYRUS SINENSIS.**Pear.**

From Matou. "(No. 75.) A fine variety of a melting pear called *Pai li*. This form looks to be different from those sent under Nos. 109 and 120 (S. P. I. No. 16911)." (*Meyer.*)

17724. PYRUS SINENSIS.**Pear.**

From Matou. "(No. 73.) A large variety of the best pear of North China, the so-called Peking pear; in Chinese, *Ya kwam le*. Looks and smells like a quince, but is juicy, melting, and aromatic. May prove to be exceedingly valuable for breeding purposes. The trees grow far more spread out than pears generally do, so they must not be planted too close." (*Meyer.*)

17725. PYRUS SINENSIS.**Pear.**

From Matou. "(No. 74.) A small variety of the best pear of North China. The same description as for No. 73 serves this one, only it is a far smaller variety and, as such, does not appear on the tables of the best hotels in China." (*Meyer.*)

17726. PYRUS SINENSIS.**Pear.**

From Matou. "(No. 76.) A large variety of a juicy pear with nonmelting flesh. A very good keeper of fine appearance; somewhat like our *Kieffer* pear. May be most excellent for canning purposes." (*Meyer.*)

17727. PYRUS sp.**Pear.**

From Tsing-ho-pu. "(No. 125.) A wild pear bearing fruits not larger than a hollyberry. Makes an extraordinarily dense head of branches and may be of use in small parks where small shade trees are wanted." (*Meyer.*)

17728. AMYGDALUS PERSICA.**Peach.**

From Matou. "(No. 82.) A peach described to me by the natives as very large, red meated, and juicy. The trees are thrifty growers." (*Meyer.*)

17729. AMYGDALUS DAVIDIANA.

From the mountains near Tang-shan, near Peking. "(No. 126.) A variety of thrifty growth, with medium-sized buds. Fruits absolutely inedible, but may prove to be very valuable as a spring flowering shrub. The Chinese cultivate many different varieties as dwarfed specimens and for winter forcing." (*Meyer.*)

17730. AMYGDALUS DAVIDIANA.

From the mountains near Tang-shan, near Peking. "(No. 127.) A variety of rather stunted growth, with large-sized buds. May prove to be a valuable addition to our spring flowering shrubs." (*Meyer.*)

17731. AMYGDALUS DAVIDIANA.

From the mountains near Tang-shan, near Peking. "(No. 129.) A very diminutive form of wild peach. Grows in very rocky places and has small, silvery-white twigs. May be of use as a shrub for rockeries." (*Meyer.*)

17732. PRUNUS sp.**Cherry.**

From Pee-san. "(No. 79.) A bush cherry bearing small, red fruits which ripen here in early June. Is grafted upon wild peach stock low down in the ground." (*Meyer.*)

17733. PRUNUS sp.**Cherry.**

From Pee-san. "(No. 80.) A larger variety than No. 79; otherwise the same description applies to it." (*Meyer.*)