

## 35253 to 35262—Continued.

For an illustration of the jujube tree of the Tang variety, as found growing in China, see Plate IV.

**35257.** From Laoling, Shantung, China. "(No. 1025, March 30, 1913.) A variety of jujube, called *Hsiao tsao*, meaning 'small jujube.' The trees do not grow large, possess but few spines, and are very productive. When over 40 years old, however, they cease to bear paying crops. The fruits are of a bright brown-red color, are small in size, but they are very sweet and much beloved by the people, who have big orchards of them. This variety is ringed in the same way as the seedless jujube." (*Meyer.*)

**35258.** *CUDRANIA TRICUSPIDATA* (Carr.) Bureau.  
(*Maclura tricuspidata* Carr.)

**Che.**

From Laoling, Shantung, China. "(No. 1026, March 30, 1913.) A wild shrub, sometimes growing into a small tree, found in dry places. Called by the Chinese *Tcho sang*, which means 'wild mulberry.' The leaves are used for feeding silkworms in times of scarcity of mulberry leaves. This plant makes an impression similar to the Osage orange, but is of much smaller dimensions. Can be utilized in the drier parts of the United States as a hedge plant around gardens and as fence material on farms, while it also can be employed for bank-binding purposes in the milder, semiarid sections. This shrub is very thorny and can serve therefore very well for hedge purposes." (*Meyer.*)

Rooted plants. "Plants of this same species (S. P. I. No. 34493) introduced by Mr. E. H. Wilson have fruited at Augusta, Ga., in the nurseries of P. J. Berckmans Co., and the fruit is sweet and edible. It is closely related to our native Osage orange, *Toxylon pomiferum* (*Maclura aurantiaca*), and has been hybridized with it. There are other edible-fruited species also, so this introduction opens up a most interesting field for the breeder." (*Fairchild.*)

For an illustration of the edible fruit of the che tree, showing its manner of growth upon the branches, see Plate V.

**35259.** *AILANTHUS CACODENDRON* (Ehrh.) Schinz and Thellung.  
(*A. glandulosa* Desf.)

**Tree of heaven.**

From Laoling, Shantung, China. "(No. 1027, March 30, 1913.) Variety *umbraculifera*. A variety of the tree of heaven, which grows much more compactly and bears fewer seeds than the ordinary variety. To be tried especially in the drier parts of the United States." (*Meyer.*)

Rooted plants.

**35260.** *ZIZIPHUS JUJUBA* Miller.  
(*Ziziphus sativa* Gaertn.)

**Jujube.**

From Laoling, Shantung, China. "(No. 1028, March 30, 1913.) Coming from the same trees from which the scions under No. 1021 (S. P. I. No. 35253) were taken." (*Meyer.*)

Rooted plants.

**35261.** *TAMARIX* sp.

**Tamarisk.**

From Laoling, Shantung, China. "(No. 1029, March 31, 1913.) A tamarisk occurring on sandy and alkaline lands here and there. The Chinese call it *Hong ching* and cut the twigs every autumn, making baskets from them. This plant possesses considerable bank and sand binding qualities and may be experimented with for these purposes in the drier parts of the United States." (*Meyer.*)