

37647 to 37678—Contd. (Quoted notes by Mr. F. N. Meyer.)

meaning 'green persimmon.' It is curious to note that the Chinese say that the higher one can go into the mountains and the nearer to the limit of successful culture, the better flavored the persimmon fruit becomes and the more bountiful the crops, even though the trees are not so large as on the plains and are not as long lived. In this way the persimmon seems to resemble the peach remarkably closely."

37662. "(No. 1130.) A Chinese variety of persimmon, said to be large, of round-oblong shape, color reddish, partly seedless. Supplies a superior product when dried; can also be kept fresh for a long time. Local name *Niu hsin ta shih tzü*, meaning 'oxheart big persimmon.'"

37663. "(No. 1131.) A Chinese variety of persimmon, said to be of medium size, barrel shaped, and of yellow color; contains seeds; a good keeper, but not suitable for drying. Local name *Lou hu shih tzü*, meaning 'basket-jar persimmon.'"

37664. "(No. 1132.) A Chinese variety of persimmon, of small to medium size, of flattened round shape with top regularly sunken, and of orange color; partly seedless; can be kept fresh throughout the winter when stored in a cool place. Does not dry well. Chinese name *Ching mien shih tzü*, meaning 'mirror-face persimmon.' The Chinese around Puchowfu cultivate several hundred acres of this variety, solely for the purpose of distilling a brandy from the fruits, which possesses a slightly bitter flavor. With western methods, no doubt a superior sort of spirits could be made from the persimmon, or even perhaps an alcohol, fit for household uses."

37665. "(No. 1133.) A Chinese variety of persimmon, said to be small, of round shape, color reddish; partly seedless; can be dried and also kept fresh for a long time. Local name *P'ing shih tzü*, meaning 'flat persimmon.'"

37666 and 37667. *DIOSPYROS KAKI* L. f. Diospyraceæ. **Persimmon.**

From the village of Kenyangtchun, near Puchowfu, Shansi, China. February 10, 1914.

37666. "(No. 1134.) A Chinese variety of persimmon, said to be very large and heavy, of flat shape, slightly furrowed; color reddish; seedless; of fine quality either fresh or dried. Local name *Ch'ing shih tzü*, meaning 'green persimmon.' This may turn out to be the same as No. 1129 [S. P. I. No. 37661]."

37667. "(No. 1135.) A Chinese variety of persimmon, said to be large, of round shape, with the tops well rounded off; color reddish; contains seeds; can be dried well, supplying a good product. Local name *K'uei shih tzü*, meaning 'crown persimmon.'"

37668. *ZIZIPHUS JUJUBA* Miller. Rhamnaceæ. **Jujube.**
(*Ziziphus sativa* Gaertn.)

"(No. 1139. From near Puchowfu, Shansi, China. February 10, 1914.) A variety of jujube bearing large fruits of round-oblong form, color dark mahogany brown. Good for drying, as well as for eating fresh. Chinese name *Ta tsao*, meaning 'big jujube.'"

37669 and 37670. *DIOSPYROS KAKI* L. f. Diospyraceæ. **Persimmon.**

From the village of Wangyuko, Shansi, China. February 15, 1914.