

38337 to 38340—Continued. (Quoted notes by Mr. F. N. Meyer.)

38338. *BUXUS SEMPERVIRENS* L. Buxaceæ. **Box.**

"(No. 1194. March 11, 1914.) A broad-leaved variety of box of dense, sturdy growth, apparently fairly hardy. The trees, when getting older, assume umbrellalike shapes and are quite ornamental when seen in old temple yards. Chinese name *Huang ya*, meaning 'yellow bud.'"

Rooted plant.

38339. *PAEONIA ALBIFLORA* Pallas. Ranunculaceæ. **Peony.**

"(No. 1195. March 11, 1914.) A collection of five rare varieties of herbaceous peonies, among which yellow, green, and black ones are said to occur.

"A. *Hei shao yao*, meaning 'black peony.'

"B. *Chin chan shao yao*, meaning 'golden spreading peony.'

"C. *Lu huang shao yao*, meaning 'reed-yellow peony.'

"D. *Ping ch'ing shao yao*, meaning 'ice-green peony.'

"E. *Kao kan hung shao yao*, meaning 'tall-stem red peony.'

38340. *PAEONIA SUFFRUTICOSA* Andrews. Ranunculaceæ. **Peony.**

(*Paeonia moutan* Sims.)

"(No. 1196. March 11, 1914.) A collection of 12 rare varieties of tree peonies, among which yellow, blue, green, and black flowering ones are said to occur.

"A. *Lan t'ien mu tan*, meaning 'beautiful sky-blue peony.' Flowers said to be of a deep-blue color.

"B. *Yü kuo t'ien ch'ing mu tan*, meaning 'cleared-up-weather peony.' Flowers said to be of an opaque-blue color.

"C. *Yü i huang mu tan*, meaning 'imperial dress yellow peony.' Flowers said to be of dark-yellow color.

"D. *Chin lun mu tan*, meaning 'golden wheel peony.' Flowers said to be of a bright yellow color.

"E. *Yao huang mu tan*, meaning 'handsome yellow peony.' Flowers said to be of ocher-yellow color.

"F. *Mo chin mu tan*, meaning 'black and gold peony.' Flowers said to be of dark leather-brown color.

"G. *Lü yü mu tan*, meaning 'green-jade peony.' Flowers said to be of a transparent-green color.

"H. *Tou lü mu tan*, meaning 'mung-bean green peony.' Flowers said to be of an opaque-green color.

"I. *Hao pai mu tan*, meaning 'crane-white peony.' Flowers said to be very large and of a brilliant white color.

"J. *Mei jên mien mu tan*, meaning 'handsome woman's-face peony.' Flowers said to be large and of a particularly fine shade of rose color.

"K. *Chuang yüan hung mu tan*, meaning 'superior red peony.' Flowers said to be of a beautiful brilliant red color.

"L. *Tung wu erh chiao mu tan*, meaning 'Tung wu, doubly beautiful peony.' Flowers said to be large, of variegated color, being white with red spots here and there.

"The soil best suited to these tree peonies is of a loose, porous, sandy loam nature, with perfect drainage and of great depth. In the district to the northwest of Tsaochowfu one finds such soil and climatic conditions as seem to suit this peony to perfection, and the plants are grown there on fields as regular crops and are sent all over eastern China, going as far south as Canton and as far north as Mukden, to be used