

40212 to 40219—Continued. (Quoted notes by Mr. A. C. Jewett.)

40214. ELAEAGNUS ANGUSTIFOLIA L. Elaeagnaceæ. **Oleaster.**

"*Sinjid* from Kabul."

40215. MORUS ALBA L. Moraceæ. **Mulberry.**

"The dried mulberries form the principal food of the poor people of the mountain districts of Kohistan. In the valleys of Kohistan and around Kabul there are extensive orchards of this mulberry, all irrigated, and the yield seems to be heavy. There is a howl if you cut down a mulberry tree. When the mulberries are ripe, they sweep under the trees and let the fruit fall down and dry them, just as they do the plums in California. For eight months the people live entirely on these mulberries. They grind them and make a flour and mix it with ground almonds. My men come month after month with their shirts filled with them. They can carry in their shirts enough of these dried mulberries for five days' rations. These men are commandeered and they bring their food with them. They get no other food whatever; mulberries and water is the whole diet. They sit down on the rocks, and they lunch and dine on nothing but these dried mulberries."

40216. PINUS GERARDIANA Wallich. Pinaceæ. **Pine.**

"Pine nuts."

"A moderate-sized evergreen of the inner, dry, and arid northwest Himalayas, generally between 6,000 and 10,000 feet; mountains of northern Afghanistan and Kafiristan; also Hariab district at 7,000 to 11,000 feet." (*Gamble.*)

"The chief product of this species is the almondlike seed, contained in the cones. The cones ripen in October, are plucked before they open, and heated to make the scales expand. The seeds are then removed and are largely eaten by the natives and stored for winter use. In Kunawar they are said to form a staple food with the inhabitants. They are also exported to the plains from the hills of the Punjab, and large quantities are imported annually into India from Afghanistan. The wood is hard, durable, and very resinous, but rarely utilized, since the tree is so highly valued for its seeds." (*Watt, Commercial Products of India.*)

40217 and 40218. PISTACIA VERA L. Anacardiaceæ. **Pistache.**

"Laughing pistachio from Herat."

40219. PRUNUS ARMENIACA L. Amygdalaceæ. **Apricot.**

"Sun-dried apricots from Kandahar."

40220 and 40221. CYDONIA VEITCHII Trabut. Malaceæ.

Pyronia.

From Algiers, Algeria. Presented by Dr. L. Trabut, Government botanist for Algeria. Received March 19, 1915.

"Different plants from those sent you in 1914, although coming from the same sowing. This is nearer to *Pyrus* than to *Cydonia*." (*Trabut.*)

40220. *Pyronia* 538-A.

40221. *Pyronia* 538-B.

See Journal of Heredity, vol. 7, p. 416-419, September, 1916, for a discussion of these interesting hybrids.