

**40650 to 40669**—Continued. (Quoted notes by Mr. F. N. Meyer.)

**40663 to 40667.** *HOLCUS SORGHUM* L. Poaceæ. **Kaoliang.**  
(*Sorghum vulgare* Pers.)

**40663.** "(No. 2197a. Fenghsien, Shensi, China. September 5, 1914.) A small variety of kaoliang, with small heads; grown along the edges of fields as windbreaks. Generally sown in strips from 1 to 2 feet wide."

**40664.** "(No. 2198a. Chowchih (Djotze), Shensi, China. September 7, 1914.) A tall and erect variety of kaoliang, with compact heads and brown grains, grown in large fields."

**40665.** "(No. 2199a. Near Meihsien, Shensi, China. September 9, 1914.) A medium tall variety of kaoliang with dense and heavy heads and large grains of dark-amber color. Grown in patches close to the villages. Used as a human food when ground into flour, from which are made little loaves which are of coarse taste and texture. Chinese name *Ta shih kaoliang*, meaning literally 'big, full, high grass.'"

**40666.** "(No. 2200a. Near Hweihhsien, Kansu, China. September 26, 1914.) A tall slender variety of kaoliang, with drooping heads, having large grains. Grown only for spirit manufacturing."

**40667.** "(No. 2201a. Near Hweihhsien, Kansu, China. September 29, 1914.) A robust variety of kaoliang of tall growth, with heavy drooping heads and very large grains. Grown exclusively for spirit manufacturing."

**40668.** *AMYGDALUS DAVIDIANA* (Carr.) B. S. and Z. Amygdalaceæ. **Wild peach.**  
(*Prunus davidiana* Franch.)

Received at the Plant Introduction Field Station, Chico, Cal., April 30, 1915.

"(No. 2182a. Peking, China. February 27, 1915.) The well-known *davidiana* peach, used as a stock for stone fruits in North China. Collected in several localities in the Chihli Province; obtained by purchase. Chinese name *Shan t'ao*, meaning 'mountain peach.'"

**40669.** *DIOSPYROS LOTUS* L. Diospyraceæ. **Persimmon.**

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"(No. 2183a. Peking, China. February 25, 1915.) The *Ghoorma*, or *Ghoorma* persimmon, much used as a stock in North China to ring-bud or patch-bud kakis upon. Obtained by purchase. Chinese name *Hei tsao*, meaning 'black jujube.'"

**40670.** *GENTIANA LUTEA* L. Gentianaceæ. **Gentian.**

From Geneva, Switzerland. Presented by Mr. H. Correvon. Received May 11, 1915.

"A tall, stout, hollow-stemmed perennial herb of open or partly open grassy places on the mountains of southern and central Europe. Its large flowers are bright yellow and spotted and occur in axillary clusters. The underground portion is frequently a yard in length and may have several long branches. It is commonly collected in flower. To prevent its extermination, the Austrian Government imposed a heavy fine for collecting a root not at least 2 cm. (four-fifths of an inch) in diameter at the top, this ordinarily requiring a 3-years'