

43402 to 43409.

From Constantinople, Turkey. Received through Mr. Hoffman Philip, secretary of the American Embassy, at the request of Mr. W. Stanley Hollis, consul general, Beirut, Syria, October 3, 1916. Quoted notes by Mr. George M. Young, consular agent, Beirut.

43402 to 43404.² *AMYGDALUS PERSICA* L. Amygdalaceæ. **Peach.**
(*Prunus persica* Stokes.)

"Peach seeds from Damascus. It is said that the peaches here are usually very good. The seeds are planted about 10 inches deep in the soft rich soil in the month of December and watered every two weeks from February on. Grafts are usually made in the springtime and from other and better varieties on the worst variety, *Kelabi*."

43402. "*Zihri*, summer; thus named from the approximate time of ripening."

43403. "*Shetawi*, winter; thus named from the approximate time of ripening."

43404. "*Kelabi*, large seed."

43405 to 43408.² *PRUNUS ARMENIACA* L. Amygdalaceæ. **Apricot.**

"Apricot seeds from Damascus. Nothing could be more beautiful than the Damascus gardens of apricot trees in blossom time. Apricots thrive here and attain great perfection. Their taste is excellent. The seeds are planted about 10 inches deep in the soft rich soil in the month of December and watered every two weeks from February on. Grafts are usually made in the springtime and from the other and better varieties on the worst variety, *Kelabi*. The crop of apricots is so abundant and of such excellent quality that its exportation in the form of apricot paste enriches the locality."

43405. "*Beledi*."

43407. "*Kelabi*."

43406. "*Lozi*."

43408. "*Ajami*, meaning Persian."

43409. *AMYGDALUS COMMUNIS* L. Amygdalaceæ. **Almond.**
(*Prunus amygdalus* Stokes.)

"Almond seeds from Damascus. It might be possible to successfully cultivate these nuts in America. Here they grow well and are eaten everywhere. A little donkey loaded with them may be seen in the streets almost any time during the season. They seem to thrive best on the higher ground. The seed is planted about 10 inches deep in the soft rich soil in the month of December and watered every two weeks from February on."

43410. *ROSA RUBIGINOSA* L. Rosaceæ. **Sweetbrier.**

From Medford, Oreg. Seeds collected by Dr. B. T. Galloway, of the Bureau of Plant Industry. Received October 9, 1916.

"A wild rose growing on the hillside. A fine plant in Mr. F. C. Reimer's yard at Talent, Oreg. Plant 5 to 6 feet high, forming a dense globose bush, covered with brilliant red fruit, very striking; stems one-half to 1 inch in diameter; leaves slightly scarlet. Mr. Reimer says the fruit hangs on all winter." (*Galloway*.)

² See footnote, p. 11.