

care of peach trees were furnished by a native peach grower who is thoroughly conversant with the native methods of peach culture.

"The seeds must first be soaked in water and kept therein until the water becomes stale. They should then be taken out and planted, covering them with a thin coating of earth. They should be kept moist with a mixture of wine dregs and water until they sprout. Should worms be discovered in the fruit, the earth should be drawn away from the tree where it emerges from the ground and an old straw sandal (one that has been worn), having been first soaked in urine, should be wrapped around the part of the tree from which the earth has been removed. After this it should be fertilized at intervals with household excrement." (*Sammons.*)

44253 to 44265. *AMYGDALUS PERSICA* L.

(*Prunus persica* Stokes.)

44253. "*Autumn half-pound peach.* Ripens in the autumn. Round and unusually large. Sometimes weighs more than a half pound. White, freestone. Exceedingly fine flavor. Should be carefully looked after." (*Native peach grower.*)

44254. "*Shiny gray peach.* Ripens in August. Oblong in shape; color reddish purple. Flavor sweet, with slight acid taste." (*Native peach grower.*)

44255. "*Nanking red peach.* Ripens about the middle of May. Round and pointed; color reddish white. Flavor sweet, slightly acid. Has a great reputation at Soochow, in Kiangsu Province." (*Native peach grower.*)

44256. "*Watery honey peach.* This peach was first planted in Shanghai, in the Lushang Gardens, in the Da Ts'ing dynasty, in the years known as Ien Fong and Dong Z. Although these gardens are no longer in existence, the seeds of this peach are still to be found along the Yangtse River. It has a peculiarly fine flavor." (*Native peach grower.*)

44257. "*Large fuzzy peach.* Ripens the last of August. Round in shape. Color green; has a fuzzy skin. Wait until it is fully ripe before gathering." (*Native peach grower.*)

44258. "*June red peach.* Ripens in June. Round; color whitish green; skin is unusually thick. Excellent flavor." (*Native peach grower.*)

44259. "*Early summer peach.* Ripens about the middle of July. Shaped somewhat like a pear; color reddish green, flavor sweet." (*Native peach grower.*)

44260. "*Watery white peach.* Ripens about the middle of July. Large and round, pointed somewhat like a pear; color white, surface smooth, flavor fine." (*Native peach grower.*)

44261. "*Shiny plum peach.* Ripens in July and August. Oblong in shape, color purplish green and shiny. Flavor very fine." (*Native peach grower.*)

44262. "*August white peach.* Ripens about the middle of August. Round and pointed. White with greenish tinge. Best flavor when thoroughly ripe." (*Native peach grower.*)