

44520 to 44549—Continued.**44547. VIBURNUM KANSUENSE** Batal. Caprifoliaceæ.

A tall Chinese shrub of loose and open habit, found at altitudes of 6,000 to 9,000 feet. It has oblong leaves, and its juicy, red berries can be used in making agreeable drinks. (Adapted from *note of Frank N. Meyer, May 11, 1915.*)

See also S. P. I. No. 40692 for further description.

44548. VIBURNUM KANSUENSE Batal. Caprifoliaceæ.

A form differing from the preceding number in habit and size.

44549. AMPELOPSIS ACONITIFOLIA Bunge. Vitaceæ.

A very handsome northern Chinese vine with finely divided foliage. The leaves are five parted and 2 to 3 inches long; the inconspicuous flowers appear in summer, and the small orange berries mature in autumn. It should be planted where only a light covering is desired and is hardy in the northern United States. (Adapted from *Bailey, Standard Cyclopedia of Horticulture, vol. 1, p. 278.*)

44550 to 44553. AMYGDALUS PERSICA L. Amygdalaceæ. **Peach.**
(*Prunus persica* Stokes.)

From Chefoo, China. Presented by Mr. Lester Maynard, American consul general. Received April 5, 1917. Quoted notes by Mr. Maynard.

44550. "No. 4. *Ch'iu t'ao tzü* (autumn peach); grown at Fushanhsien.

This is considered one of the best varieties; a freestone, green skin, white flesh, average weight $7\frac{1}{2}$ ounces to 1 pound; ripens in August."

44551. "No. 5. *Hsieh t'ao* (blood peach); grown at Fushanhsien. The

largest peach grown in this district; average weight, $7\frac{1}{2}$ ounces to 1 pound; a freestone; skin and flesh red, flesh hard and dry, very little juice, taste sour; ripens in August."

44552. "No. 6. *Ch'ing p'i lan* (green skin blue); grown at Laiyang. One

of the best peaches grown in Shantung, being both sweet and juicy; about the size of *Ch'iu t'ao tzü* [S. P. I. No. 44550], average weight, $7\frac{1}{2}$ ounces to 1 pound, freestone, green skin, white flesh; ripens in September."

44553. "No. 7. *Tung t'ao* (winter peach); grown at Fushanhsien. Con-

sidered the best quality of peach grown in this district; about the size of *Ch'ing p'i lan* [S. P. I. No. 44552], average weight, $7\frac{1}{2}$ ounces to 1 pound; freestone, green skin, white flesh; ripens in November."

44554. TAMARIX APHYLLA (L.) Karst. Tamaricaceæ. **Tamarisk.**
(*T. articulata* Vahl.)

From Algiers, Algeria. Cuttings presented by Dr. L. Trabut. Received April 12, 1917.

"A tamarisk from the Sahara; a beautiful tree which is very ornamental and produces a gall very much used in the south by the natives for tanning. This gall contains 45 per cent of pyrogallic tannin. It is produced by an acarion, *Eriophyes tlaiae* Trab. I have been able to reproduce it easily on our *Tamarix articulata*. I estimate that an annual harvest of 20 quintals is possible from 1 hectare." (*Trabut.*)