

55994 to 56018—Continued.

56000. *PYRUS* sp.

"(No. 6509. September 13, 1922.) A wild pear tree 20 feet high, found on the Likiang Plain near the village of Lasadje. The leaves do not have red veins and petioles, and the fruits, which are smaller than a marble, are yellow, spotted, acrid, but perfectly black and sweet when ripe. This is a very good stock plant."

56001. *PYRUS* sp.

"(No. 6511. Lashipa. September 13, 1922.) A wild pear tree 15 to 20 feet high, from dry hillsides at an altitude of 9,000 feet, where it grows with *Pinus sinensis*. The leaves are small, oval-elliptical, with long stems. The small, yellowish brown fruits are the size of marbles."

56002. *PYRUS* sp.

"(No. 6539. September 15, 1922.) A wild pear tree 25 to 30 feet high, found in the hot valley of Nankaochai near Chienchuan Valley, two and one-half days' journey south of Likiang, at an altitude of 7,000 feet. It has long spreading whiplike branches and very numerous brownish yellow fruits the size of marbles, which are black when fully ripe."

56003. *PYRUS* sp.

"(No. 6553. September 15, 1922.) A wild pear tree 40 feet in height, found in arid regions in the mountains west of Tengchuan, two days' journey north of Talifu, at an altitude of 6,500 to 7,000 feet. The branches are long and mostly horizontal. The fruits are much larger than those of the other wild pears, with a rich yellowish brown skin and firm butter-yellow flesh which is acrid and unpalatable, though juicy. This species is quite rare; I have seen only two trees."

56004. *PYRUS* sp.

"(No. 6555. September 15, 1922.) A tree 40 feet high with rambling and ascending branches, found in a dry region of yellow clay or loam on a hillside beyond Tieuwei, three days' journey south of Likiang. This species is very rare, only one tree being seen, and is quite distinct from the other wild pears. The long-stemmed solitary fruits, smaller than a coffee berry, were few in number, oblong, and uniformly crimson."

56005. *PYRUS* sp.

"(No. 6556. September 16, 1922.) A wild pear tree 15 to 20 feet high, of very graceful habit and spineless, found in the Langchiung Valley near the Erhyin River, two days' journey north of Talifu. The leaves are bright green on both sides, and the bright yellowish brown fruits, larger than a marble, are juicy but acrid. The Chinese use this as a stock plant."

56006. *PYRUS* sp.

"(No. 6557. Langchiung Valley. September 16, 1922.) A wild pear tree 25 feet high, spineless, with dark-green, crenate, elliptic leaves and round, russet-brown, juicy, acrid fruits the size of small marbles and similar to those of No. 6556 [S. P. I. No. 56005]. The tree is a prolific bearer and is used here as a stock plant."

56007. *PYRUS* sp.

"(No. 6559. September 15, 1922.) A wild pear tree 25 to 30 feet high, with a stout trunk and stiff, spreading branches, found in the dry mountain range south of Chienchuan, three days' journey north of Talifu. The numerous fruits are about half an inch in diameter greenish brown with lighter spots. A good stock plant."

The following are seeds of domesticated varieties.

56008. *PYRUS* sp.

"(Talifu. September 20, 1922.)"