

I N V E N T O R Y ¹

82600. MANICARIA SACCIFERA Gaertn.
Phoenicaceae. **Palm.**

From J. E. Higgins, Director, Plant Introduction Gardens, Summit, Canal Zone. Received January 2, 1930.

Unlike most other palms, this Brazilian species has entire leaves, which become about 30 feet in length and 5 feet in width. The trunk is erect, ringed, and unarmed, and is 15 to 20 feet high. The natives of Brazil use the immense leaves of this palm for thatching their huts and also for making a coarse cloth.

For previous introduction see No. 61629.

82601 to 82627.

From France. Seeds collected by H. L. Westover, agricultural explorer, Bureau of Plant Industry. Received January 2, 1930.

82601 to 82626. MEDICAGO SATIVA L. Fa-
baceae. **Alfalfa.**

82601. From the farm of Roux Ripert, southeast of Avignon; 1928 crop.

82602. November 27, 1929. From the village of Benet, border of marshes, Niort.

82603. November 27, 1929. From Maurice Boissinot, dealer, Thouars.

82604. November 27, 1929. From marshlands west of Niort and south of Fontenay, at the village of Vix.

82605. November 26, 1929. From Bernard Pamfroux, St. Maixent.

82606. November 25, 1929. From northwest of the village of Turenne.

82607. November 26, 1929. From the village of St. Jean d'Angely.

82608. November 27, 1929. From Pathenay. Local production.

82609. November 27, 1929. From Thouars. Local production.

82601 to 82627—Continued.

82610. November 26, 1929. From the village of Pamproux.

82611. November 26, 1929. Locally grown seed from the 1928 crop obtained in Niort.

82612. November 27, 1929. From Fontenay le Comte.

82613. From Mirabel, northeast of Avignon; 1929 crop.

82614. From the farm of Roux Ribert, Mouries; 1929 crop.

82615. From the vicinity of Entrechoux, northeast of Avignon; 1929 crop.

82616. From St. Saturnin les Avignon; 1929 crop.

82617. From Piegou, northeast of Avignon; 1929 crop.

82618. From the farm of Roux Ripert, southeast of Avignon; 1929 crop.

82619. From Figeae.

82620. November 26, 1929. From Lulsignant.

82621. November 27, 1929. From the vicinity of Foussais.

82622. November 25, 1929. From the village of Turenne.

82623. November 23, 1929. From Bousooe.

82624. November 23, 1929. Commercial mixture from Figeae.

82625. November 23, 1929. From Asstier.

82626. November 23, 1929. From Camboulet.

82627. TRIFOLIUM PRATENSE L. Fabaceae. Red clover.

¹ It should be understood that the names of horticultural varieties of fruits, vegetables, cereals, and other plants used in this inventory are those under which the material was received when introduced by the Division of Foreign Plant Introduction, and, further, that the printing of such names here does not constitute their official publication and adoption in this country. As the different varieties are studied, their entrance into the American trade forecast, and the use of varietal names for them in American literature becomes necessary, the foreign varietal designations appearing in this inventory will be subject to change with a view to bringing the forms of the names into harmony with recognized horticultural nomenclature.

It is a well-known fact that botanical descriptions, both technical and economic, seldom mention the seeds at all and rarely describe them in such a way as to make possible identification from the seeds alone. Many of the unusual plants listed in these inventories are appearing in this country for the first time, and there are no seed samples or herbarium specimens with ripe seeds with which the new arrivals may be compared. The only identification possible is to see that the sample received resembles seeds of other species of the same genus or of related genera. The responsibility for the identifications therefore must necessarily often rest with the person sending the material. If there is any question regarding the correctness of the identification of any plant received from this division, herbarium specimens of leaves and flowers should be sent in so that definite identification can be made.