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INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT

The plant introductions included in this inventory (Nos. 88433-89210), for the period from July 1 to September 30, 1930, are largely made up of forage-crop material sent in from China and Chosen by the agricultural explorers, P. H. Dorsett and W. J. Morse, who in recent months have sent in over 200 varieties of soybeans besides alfalfa (*Medicago sativa*, 89041-89047, 89111-89121) and grasses which may prove useful as forage. During this period H. L. Westover was in Morocco and Tunis and sent in grasses (Nos. 88715-88730, 88900-88934) and alfalfa (No. 88936) and seeds of the argan tree (*Argania spinosa*, No. 88935) which is to be tried out in the Southwest as forage for goats. A shipment of forage crops (Nos. 88516-88523) was received from Canberra, Australia, presented by the Division of Plant Industry, Council for Scientific and Industrial Research.

T. H. Parsons, Curator of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Peradeniya, Ceylon, sent a collection of palms (Nos. 88671-88677, 88864) which will be used in the permanent planting at Coconut Grove; later, seeds of these trees will be ready for distribution. From the Philippine Islands, P. J. Wester has sent two palms (*Adonidia merrillii*, No. 88868, and *Heterospatha elata*, No. 89203); also two ornamentals, *Bauhinia monandra* (No. 88512) and *Anemone vitifolia* (No. 88511).

From S. W. McLeod Braggins, superintendent of La Mortola Gardens, Ventimiglia, Italy, was received a collection of ornamentals, *Aloe* spp. (Nos. 88733 and 88738), *Cotyledon* spp. (Nos. 88739-88740), *Crassula* spp. (Nos. 88741-88743), *Echeveria* spp. (Nos. 88744-88751), stonecrop (*Sedum* spp., Nos. 88753-88757), and houseleek (*Sempervivum* spp., Nos. 88758-88772), all of which will be studied by our plant breeders. A shipment of varieties of cyclamen (*Cyclamen* spp., Nos. 89085-89099), which are not commonly grown in this country, was purchased from the Zwaneburg Nurseries, Haarlem, Netherlands.

David Fairchild, during this period, was traveling in the Mediterranean countries and sent apricots (*Prunus armeniaca*, Nos. 88591-88593) and Seville oranges (*Citrus aurantium*, Nos. 88678, 88679, 88682, 88683), as well as a collection of ornamentals.

Plants of peaches (*Amygdalus persica*, Nos. 88543-88560), apples (*Malus sylvestris*, Nos. 88571-88575), and plums (*Prunus* spp., Nos. 88578-88582) were received from New Zealand.