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From the Mediterranean region. Seeds collected by David Fairchild, agricultural explorer with the Allison V. Armour expedition. Received July 14, 1930.

88586. CALYCOTOME VILLOSA (Poir.) Link. Fabaceae.

No. 3557. Found scattered over dry hillsides of the island of Cos, June 19, 1930. A pretty yellow-flowered extremely spiny little bush, the shape of a pincushion and very attractive when in flower. It should make a very useful plant for rock gardens where drought resistance is desired. Blooms in May and June. Native to the Mediterranean countries.

88587. COTYLEDON UMBILICUS L. Crassulaceae. Navelwort.

No. 3553. Collected on the island of Patmos, June 17, 1930. A perennial, fleshy plant, native to western Europe, which grows about a foot high and has succulent, orbicular leaves and pendulous racemes of yellowish-green flowers.

For previous introduction see No. 79153.

88588. GENISTA sp. Fabaceae.

No. 3552. Collected on a roadside of Cos Island, June 19, 1930. A large yellow-flowered species with leafless shoots tipped with the flowers. Said to be very showy and fragrant.

88589. LUPINUS GRÆBUS Boiss. Fabaceae. Lupine.

No. 3561. Collected by the roadside on the route to Ayassos, Mytilene Island, June 15, 1930. An annual leguminous plant with a rather dense raceme of intensely blue flowers. Native to south-eastern Europe.

88590. ONOPORDUM ILLYRICUM L. Asteraceae. Cottonthistle.

No. 3567. Collected June 15, 1930, from a roadside on the route to Ayassos, Mytilene Island. A large biennial thistle-like composite with flat, purple flower heads 3 inches across. Native to south-eastern Europe.

88591 to 88593. PRUNUS ARMENIACA L. Amygdalaceae. Apricot.

88591. No. 3555. Scions collected June 21, 1930, on the island of Rhodes. An early ripening variety which in the island is past, or almost so, at this time. A firm-fleshed, yellow apricot of medium size, with slight bluish, which is said to thrive better in the calcareous soils and stand the constant drying winds better than the French and other European apricots that have been tried in the island of Rhodes. The quality is good to excellent; a bit dry but should be a fine shipper, though perhaps a trifle small. An indigenous variety, not known by name.

88592. No. 3555-A. Native, early, firm-fleshed apricot of the island of Rhodes. Good quality, not very juicy or large, but resists drought and drying winds. Cuttings from same tree under No. 3555 (No. 88591).

88593. No. 3566. Seeds purchased June 21, 1930, in the market of Rhodes. Seeds from good but medium-sized

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apricots of fine flavor. See No. 3555 (No. 88591) for bud sticks of similar variety.

88594. PSORALEA BITUMINOSA L. Fabaceae. Sourf-pea.

No. 3551. Variety *palestina*. Collected June 17, 1930, near the city, Cos Island, Greece. A very large vigorous plant, with stout stems and unusually large heads of blue flowers, that looks to be a distinct variety or form of this species.

88595. SARCOPTERIUM SPINOSUM (L.) Spach. Rosaceae.

No. 3560. Collected June 19, 1930, on the island of Cos.

For previous introduction see No. 88540.

88596. PALAQUIUM PHILIPPENSE (Perr.) C. B. Robinson. Sapotaceae. Alakao.

From the Philippine Islands. Seeds presented by P. J. Wester, Bureau of Plant Industry, Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Manila. Received July 14, 1930.

A large tree with oblong, pointed, stiff leaves, dark green above and russet velvety beneath. The fruit, about 2 inches long, is similar to a small sapodilla and is reported to be sweet, aromatic, and of agreeable flavor. It is native to the Philippines.

88597 to 88606. PRUNUS ARMENIACA L. Amygdalaceae. Apricot.

From Tunisia. Seeds collected by Prof. F. T. Bioletti, University of California, and Knowles A. Ryerson, agricultural explorer, Bureau of Plant Industry. Received July 15, 1930.

88597. No. P-XLVI. *Bedri*. From Sfax.

88598. No. P-LII. *Djerbi*. From Gafsa, May 21, 1930.

88599. No. P-LVII. *Gros Indigene*. From Sfax, May 17, 1930.

88600. No. P-XLV. *Mechmech*. From Gabes, May 15, 1930.

88601. No. P-LI. *Mechmech*. From Tozeur, May 20, 1930.

88602. No. P-XLVIII. *Mechmech*. From Deggache, May 19, 1930.

88603. No. P-XLIV. *Mechmech*. From Mahdia, May 19, 1930.

88604. No. P-L. *Mechmech*. From Nefta, May 19, 1930.

88605. No. P-XLIX. *Mechmech*. From Nefta, May 19, 1930.

88606. No. P-LIV. *Souri*. From Dra Tamar, May, 1930.

88607 and 88608. QUERCUS spp. Fagaceae. Oak.

From Chosen. Seeds collected by P. H. Dorsett and W. J. Morse, agricultural explorers, Bureau of Plant Industry. Received December 9, 1929. Numbered in August, 1930.

88607. QUERCUS sp.

No. 1573. November 1, 1929. These mixed acorns were collected under trees