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INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT

Inventory no. 113 records the material received by the Division of Foreign Plant Introduction between October 1 and December 31, 1932, a total of 427 numbers (101158-101584), part of which represents material for the use of the Division and part for other divisions and agencies.

Although possibly not obvious to the uninformed reader, the great number of entries of material from Robert M. Grey, superintendent of the Atkins Institution of the Arnold Arboretum at Soledad, Cienfuegos, Cuba (101159-101162, 101212-101215, 101243-101252, 101257, 101260-101265, 101292-101295, 101435-101437, 101462-101464), represent the growing interrelation of that garden and the Department's garden at Coconut Grove, Fla., from which considerable collections of seeds and plants have gone to the garden at Soledad. By this interchange of material each garden is able to increase its collection and study new plants under different climatic conditions—a relation that is cordially appreciated.

Less conspicuous but as important are the contributions, from several sources, of seeds and bulbs of various species of *Allium*, eventually intended for the use of cooperating specialists in California, also of oats and cottons for Department specialists.

The studies of bamboo are assisted by the accession of 5 numbers, 3 from a French nursery and 2 from an old planting in Florida, all species or forms that contribute to the studies of the difficult variations of this group.

Through the courtesy of Dr. H. Humbert, Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris, France, our succulent collection is increased by a collection of species of *Bryophyllum*, *Kalanchoe*, and *Kitchingia* native to Madagascar (101356-101374), for comparative study with previous introductions. From France also, through Prof. D. Bois, of the Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris, was received a large collection of cuttings of *Ficus* species (101309-101343), intended for the work with that genus now under way at Coconut Grove, Fla. Unfortunately, this admirable collection was largely lost, as most of the cuttings did not root.

In a miscellaneous collection of seeds sent by the courtesy of B. V. Skvortzow, Harbin, Manchuria (101395-101406) are several interesting herbs, not spectacular but of garden value. The *Agastache rugosa* is a nepetalike plant with a long period of summer blooming; another, *Scutellaria baicalensis*, has much more showy blue-purple flowers than any of its relatives grown here.

Although there are other collections of plants from that area, the two collections from Edwin Ashby, Wittunga, Blackwood, South Australia (101195-101204, 101346-101354) contain seeds of many interesting species and varieties of