

101711, 101891-101902, and 102121-102125) from the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, and by 13 types of walnuts (102084-102096) from the same country. Attention should also be called to the introduction of a collection of scions of what are said to be unusually cold-resistant varieties of the Spanish chestnut from Czechoslovakia (101610-101617). For the ultimate benefit of nut growers, but more immediately for use in chestnut-blight investigations, there are recorded four lots of seed of different species of *Castanea* (101587-101607, 101690-101692, 101982-101991, and 102106-102111) received from northeastern China. Most of these are *C. mollissima*, the Chinese hairy chestnut, whose natural resistance to chestnut blight has led to its wide use in hybridizing experiments.

Plants suitable for growing in the colder and drier areas of the western United States are constantly being sought by this division. It is of interest, therefore, to note two shipments of plant material received during this period from Manchuria. One of these, a collection of hardy forage grasses (101645-101660) from the prairie country near Harbin, Manchuria, introduced for Department specialists, should prove of definite value for the colder areas of our stock-raising States. Another lot of plant material (102289-102309), received also from Manchuria but including hardy trees and shrubs native to many different parts of northeastern Asia, such as maples and hollies from Chosen and northern Japan, will prove interesting additions to the introduced flora of our colder regions.

In the field of ornamentals, there are two large collections that deserve special mention. These come from England and Scotland, respectively (101736-101797 and 101923-101962), and consist largely of alpine perennials, including numerous species of such genera as *Anthemis*, *Aquilegia*, and *Dianthus*. These are all intended for testing at the plant introduction gardens of this Division.

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