

17236 to 17244—Continued.

17242. Variety *monorhiza bayabon*. Malay name "Talus pandan."

17243. Variety *monorhiza bayabon*. Malay name "Talus ketan."

17244. Variety *monorhiza bayabon*. Malay name "Talus kiara."

17245. ERODIUM CYGNORUM.**Stork's-bill or crow's-foot.**

From Sydney, New South Wales. Presented by the director of the Botanic Gardens through Mr. Walter S. Campbell, director of Agriculture. Received January 22, 1906.

"An annual or biennial herb with procumbent or slightly erect stems extending from 1 foot to 3 feet or more in length. This plant is widely distributed throughout the Australian continent, being found in the interior of all the colonies, and in some situations it is moderately plentiful. Its free-seeding qualities have rendered it somewhat proof against extermination. During the spring and early summer months this plant affords a rich succulent herbage, which herbivora of all descriptions are remarkably fond of. Horses will often leave good herbage to browse upon it. Pastoralists speak very highly of this plant as affording good herbage while it is in a young state. But when it is ripening its seeds it is somewhat dreaded by the sheep owner on account of the sharp pointed seed lobes, which not only attach themselves firmly to the wool but the barbed points often penetrate the skin of the animal. Notwithstanding this, however, the plant has much to recommend it as a pasture herb, for it will grow well on the poorest of soils. Many of the dry sandhills of the interior would have little vegetation on them during the early summer months if it were not for this plant. Under cultivation it produces a great amount of herbage, and if cut when it shows its flowers it is not only valuable as a green feed, but it can be made into capital hay. Taking into consideration its great productiveness, we think it might be turned into ensilage with good results. *E. cygnorum* is the only species of the genus that is endemic in Australia." (*Flora Austr.*, 1:297.)

17246 and 17247. NICOTIANA SANDERAE.

From St. Albans, England. Received from Sander & Sons through J. M. Thorburn & Co., New York, N. Y., January 18, 1906.

17246. *NICOTIANA SANDERAE.*

17247. *NICOTIANA SANDERAE* *hyb.*

17248 and 17249.

From Salisbury, Rhodesia, South Africa. Presented by Hon. E. Ross Townsend, Secretary for Agriculture. Received January 29, 1906.

17248. *CHLORIS VIRGATA.*

Rhodes-grass.

"Regarded as a very valuable forage plant." (*Townsend.*) (See No. 9608.)

17249. *PANICUM* *sp.*

White rapoka.

"The *rapoka* is a millet which forms the staple article of diet among Mashona natives, and the grass is considered to be excellent for making hay or ensilage. This sample is supposed to be a new and better variety recently introduced from north of the Zambesi." (*Townsend.*)

17250. PISTACIA VERA.

Pistache.

From Saratoga, Cal. Presented by Rev. A. Fuller. Received January 29, 1906.
Large Red Aleppo.

17251 to 17280. GLYCINE HISPIDA.

Soy bean.

From Arlington Farm, Virginia.

A collection of soy beans grown on the Arlington Farm in 1905 from seed received through the Division of Agrostology.

Black varieties:

17251. Medium early, black. Grown from Agrost. Nos. 1978, 1979, and 2033, combined.