

21616 to 21639—Continued.

nese as a land improver when the soil is heavily charged with alkali, growing from five to seven years on the land before it is fit again for sorghum, wheat, or beans. It is not liked by cattle, although it is occasionally fed. When killed by the frost, the stems are cut off, dried and bunched, and utilized as fuel. It is also sometimes grown in pear orchards as a cover crop. May be of extreme value to the arid alkaline regions of the United States." (*Meyer.*)

21637. ANTHISTIRIA CILIATA.

From Lung-tung, Shantung, China. "(No. 763a, Sept. 25, 1907.) A tall-growing grass, covering here and there large areas on Chinese burial grounds. It is carefully cut down in autumn, bunched up, and sold for fuel; is probably too coarse for food, but might be grown for paper manufacture in arid regions of the United States." (*Meyer.*)

21638. AGROPYRON SP.

From Tsingtau, Shantung, China. "(No. 761a, July 31, 1907.) A grass found growing along banks and along roads exposed to the sea wind. It seems to be somewhat soil binding." (*Meyer.*)

21639. SPOROBOLUS ELONGATUS.

From Laushan Mountains, Shantung, China. "(No. 762a, Aug. 3, 1907.) A grass growing here and there in clumps between boulders and along trails." (*Meyer.*)

21641 and 21642. PHOENIX DACTYLIFERA.**Date.**

From New York, N. Y. Received from Hills Brothers, December 5, 1907.

21641. *Halawi* (?). From Bassorah, Arabia.

21642. *Fard*. From Muscat, Arabia.

"These dates were used by Hills Brothers in the manufacture of the so-called stuffed dates, and were secured for the purpose of originating varieties adapted to the Southwest." (*Fairchild.*)

21643. LAGENARIA VULGARIS.**Gourd.**

From Pretoria, Transvaal, South Africa. Presented by Prof. J. Burt Davy, Department of Agriculture. Received December 6, 1907.

Pipe calabash. (For description see S. P. I. No. 19616.)

21644 to 21656.

From Yokohama, Japan. Received from Yokohama Nursery Company (Limited), December 9, 1907.

The following collection of tubers is for experiments with wet-land crops in the South:

21644. COLOCASIA SP.

Hasu-imo.

21645. COLOCASIA ANTIQUORUM ESCULENTA.

Sato-imo.

21646. COLOCASIA ANTIQUORUM ESCULENTA.

Yegu-imo.

21647. COLOCASIA ANTIQUORUM.

Mizu-imo.

21648. COLOCASIA ANTIQUORUM.

Tono-imo.