

21703. PHOENIX DACTYLIFERA.**Date.**

From New York, N. Y. Received from Messrs. Reiss & Brady, 349 Greenwich street, December 20, 1907.

Pard.—Seed of this variety secured for propagation in seedling date orchards.

21704 and 21705. PHYSALIS spp.

From Pretoria, Transvaal, South Africa. Presented by Mr. R. A. Davis, government horticulturist. Received December 23, 1907.

21704. PHYSALIS FRANCHETI.**Chinese lantern plant.**

“Was formerly considered poisonous, but is now found to be an edible commodity.” (*Davis.*)

21705. PHYSALIS PERUVIANA.

“The variety which is most largely grown here.” (*Davis.*)

21706. HARPEPHYLLUM CAFFRUM.**Kafir plum.**

From Cape Town, Cape of Good Hope, South Africa. Received from Mr. Charles P. Lounsbury, entomologist, Department of Agriculture, December 24, 1907.

“This tree has shown itself to be a promising shade tree in southern California.” (*Fairchild.*) (For description see No. 9616, Inventory No. 9.)

21707 to 21709.

From district Amraoti, Berars, India. Presented by Mr. Anant Sitaram Dhavale, Nimboli, Post Mangrul-Dhavale, through Prof. C. V. Piper. Received December 27, 1907

21707. SESAMUM INDICUM.**Sesame.**

“*Til.* Both rainy and cold season crop, but the rainy season’s crop is often plowed in for wheat sowing.” (*Dhavale.*)

21708. PHASEOLUS RADIATUS.**Mung bean.**

“*Urid.* An autumn crop, the most leguminous one and the one most generally plowed in for all the cold-weather crops.” (*Dhavale.*)

21709. PISUM ARVENSE.**Field pea.**

“*Mutcr.* A cold-weather leguminous crop, very rarely plowed in—in case of failure only.” (*Dhavale.*)

21710. JUGLANS NIGRA × REGIA.**Walnut.**

From Paris, France. Presented by Mr. Philippe L. de Vilmorin. Received December 24, 1907.

“*Juglans vilmoriniana* Carr. These nuts are rare, of course, as in all hybrids, and one big tree nearly 100 years old bears only 12 to 20 every year. Strange to say, one hybrid breeds true. In some hundred seedlings made in the last years, I have noticed only two or three that are not true.” (*Vilmorin.*)

(See also Nos. 19261 and 21612; also Garden and Forest, Vol. IV, p. 51, 1891.)

21711 to 21715.

From Bodoë, Tromsøë, Norway. Received from Mr. L. P. Nilssen, director of the agricultural school and experiment station, through Prof. N. E. Hansen, of the Agricultural Experiment Station, Brookings, S. Dak., as agricultural explorer for the Department of Agriculture in 1906. Numbered December, 1907.