

23334 and 23335.

From Grand Rapids, Mich. Presented by Mr. V. A. Wallin, Wallin Leather Company, through Mr. Frederic Chisolm. Received July 1 and 9, 1908.

Seeds of the following:

23334. CAESALPINIA BREVIFOLIA (Clos) Bail. **Algarobilla.**

Procured from an importing firm in the United States.

"A leguminous shrub or small tree the pods of which are extraordinarily rich in tannic acid, the content being as high as 67 to 68½ per cent. Tanning with these pods is accomplished in one-third of the time required for tanning leather from oak bark, and the pods are especially valuable as giving a bloom to the leather. They also furnish a yellow age." (*Extract from von Mueller.*)

23335. CAESALPINIA CORIARIA (Jacq.) Willd. **Cascalote.**

From the south of Mexico.

"A leguminous tree from the wet seashores of Central America. Each tree is said to produce annually 100 pounds of pods, the husks of which, commercially known as divi-divi, are regarded in India as the most powerful and quick-acting tanning material. The market price of the pods is from \$40 to \$65 per ton, and England imports about 4,000 tons annually. In India lac is also gathered from this tree." (*Extract from von Mueller.*)

23336 to 23339.

From Shanghai, Kiangsu, China. Presented by Dr. S. P. Barchet, interpreter, American Consulate. Received June 26 and July 7, 1908.

The following seeds:

23336 to 23338. GLYCINE HISPIDA (Moench) Maxim. **Soy bean.**

23336. *Barchet.* Identical with No. 20798.

23337. *Riccland.* Identical with No. 20797.

23338. *Meyer (?)*. Mottled brown. Probably identical with No. 17852.

23339. ORYZA SATIVA L. **Rice.**

23340. LEUCAENA GLAUCA (L.) Benth. **Necklace seed.**

From Hayden Bridge, England. Presented by Mr. Robert Dodd, Back Row. Received June 27, 1908.

"These seeds are used for making necklaces." (*Safford.*)

23343 and 23344. DIPTEROCARPUS spp.

From Saigon, Cochin China. Presented by Mr. J. E. Conner, American consul. Received July 9, 1908.

23343. DIPTEROCARPUS ALATUS Roxb.

"This is one of the most beautiful trees for street planting and ornamentation that can be found. It is tall, straight as an arrow, has no limbs near the ground, and is both graceful and majestic in appearance. It will grow within thirty years to a height of 100 feet or more, and at maturity attains a much greater height. An avenue of these trees gives the impression of an avenue of royal palms, for the trunks are straight and columnar and present a rather smooth, rounded surface of gray bark reaching far overhead to the beginning of the fan-shaped periphery of limbs and leaves. It is a native of Cochin China only, but has been transplanted to Mexico. The soil is a black alluvial deposit, not too wet." (*Conner.*)

23344. DIPTEROCARPUS INTRICATUS Dyer.