

23897—Continued.

“A beautiful Chilean tree, persistent leaves, produces a small pink fruit of the size of a small olive; natives eat the fruit after boiling it. Very ornamental when fruits are ripe. Requires wet soil, can stand frost, grows best in valley protected from wind, in forests.” (*Finger.*)

23899. *UVARIA RUFA* (Dun.) Blume.

From Pampanga, Philippine Islands. Presented by Mr. William S. Lyon, Gardens of Nagtajan, Manila, P. I. Received October 20, 1908.

“Small evergreen fruit tree, from sea level up to 2,000 feet, lat. $10\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ S. to 16° N. Fruits oblong (5 cm. \times 3 cm.) in grape-like clusters, 10 to 30 berries. These are edible and fairly palatable. Intense vermilion red, making tree in fruit very attractive.” (*Lyon.*)

23900. *ACTINIDIA ARGUTA* (S. & Z.) Planch. (?)

From Marblehead, Mass. Received October 21, 1908.

“From a 20-year-old vine on the place of Mr. Charles N. Parker, Marblehead, Mass. This vine has borne fruit regularly since it was 8 to 9 years old, and I saw fruit on it. There can be no doubt, therefore, that it is the female variety and a good bearer. The fruit is of delicate flavor.” (*Fairchild.*)

23901. *CECROPIA PELTATA* L.

From Kingston, Jamaica. Presented by Mr. W. Harris, superintendent, Public Gardens, Department of Agriculture, through Mr. P. J. Wester, Subtropical Garden, Miami, Fla. Received October 23, 1908.

“A variety of the urticaceous quick-growing *Cecropias* with edible, not very well-flavored fruits; available as a shade tree, abundant in the warmer valleys and rain-forests of Mexico. Introduced for testing at the Subtropical Garden, Miami, Fla.” (*Chisolm.*)

23902. *MEDICAGO SATIVA* L.**Alfalfa.**

From Peru. Presented by Mr. T. F. Sedgwick, Lima, Peru, for Mr. C. V. Piper. Received October 6, 1908.

San Pedro.

23913. *PINUS DENSIFLORA* Sieb. & Zucc.**Pine.**

From near Tungling, Chihli, China. Received through Mr. Frank N. Meyer, agricultural explorer, summer of 1908.

“(No. 1172a, Nov. 29–08.) This pine grows all over northern China and seems to vary a great deal.” (*Meyer.*)

23914. *NICOTIANA TOMENTOSA* Ruiz. & Pav.

From Erfurt, Germany. Purchased from Messrs. Haage & Schmidt, at the request of Mr. A. D. Shamel. Received October 26, 1908.

“I know very little about this species, but it was purchased at Mr. George W. Oliver’s suggestion in connection with our work in hybridizing tobacco. It is a very large species, with large leaves and tall stem. At present it is mainly of scientific interest, but on account of its leaf size would probably be valuable as a parent for a composite cross in regions where the yield of tobacco is the main consideration.” (*J. B. Norton.*)