

23930 to 24113—Continued.

bamboo boxes aboard S. S. *Ashtabula*, while en route to America, the soil coming from near Hangchow, Chekiang, China." (*Meyer*.)

23932. LAGENARIA VULGARIS Ser **Gourd.**

From Chinanfu, Shantung, China. "(No. 988a, September, 1908.) A small-fruited ornamental gourd, out of which the Chinese manufacture little carved vessels for ornaments." (*Meyer*.)

23933. CUCURBITA sp.

From Spask, eastern Siberia. "(989a, Oct. 20, 1906.) An ornamental gourd, producing remarkable quaint fruits which vary in all ways. Given to me by a Russian farmer." (*Meyer*.)

23934. CUCURBITA PEPO L. **Squash.**

From Pangshan, Chihli, China. "(No. 990a, November, 1907.) A large turban-shaped gourd, one part of which is orange-yellow colored while the other part is green with orange stripes. Quite ornamental." (*Meyer*.)

23935. CUCUMIS SATIVUS L. **Cucumber.**

From Peking, Chihli, China. "(No. 991a, Mar. 25, 1908.) A Chinese cucumber called *Huang kua*; grown on trellises in the open ground." (*Meyer*.)

23936. CUCUMIS MELO L. **Muskmelon.**

From Peking, Chihli, China. "(No. 992a, Mar. 25, 1908.) A small muskmelon; grown on light sandy soil. Chinese name *Hsien kua*." (*Meyer*.)

23937. LUFFA CYLINDRICA (L.) Roemer.

From Peking, Chihli, China. "(No. 993a, Mar. 25, 1908.) A dishrag gourd, the tender young fruits of which are eaten by the Chinese. Chinese name *Shi kua*." (*Meyer*.)

23938. BENINCASA CERIFERA Savi. **Gourd.**

From Peking, Chihli, China. "(No. 994a, Mar. 25, 1908.) A gourd eaten by the Chinese. Chinese name *Tung kua*." (*Meyer*.)

23939. ACTINOSTEMMA sp.

From Peking, Chihli, China. "(No. 995a, Mar. 25, 1908.) A very rare cucurbitaceous plant, called in Chinese *Ly kua tze*." (*Meyer*.)

23940 to 23945. LAGENARIA VULGARIS Ser. **Gourd.**

From Peking, Chihli, China. (Mar. 25, 1908.)

23940. "(No. 996a.) Chinese name *Yang hu lu*."

23941. "(No. 997a.) Chinese name *Yoh hu lu*."

23942. "(No. 998a.) Chinese name *Ko ko hu lu*."

23943. "(No. 999a.) Chinese name *Shoo yar yow hu lu*."

23944. "(No. 1000a.) Chinese name *Ta yar yow hu lu*."

23945. "(No. 1001a.) Chinese name *Ta paww hu lu*."

"The above Lagenarias are grown by the Chinese on trellises in their gardens; the very young fruits are often eaten stewed as a vegetable; the old, well-ripened gourds are used as bottles for oil, wine, and water, or when cut in two lengthwise are used for water dippers and for pans in which to keep things. The large round gourds serve the country Chinese for the same purpose as our drawers in cupboards do, viz, to keep things stored in; and lastly these Lagenaria seeds are often boiled with salt and sold as an appetizing delicatessen." (*Meyer*.)