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23946 to 23952. CUCURBITA PEPO L.

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

23946. "(No. 1002a.) Chinese name *San kua*."

23947. "(No. 1003a.) Chinese name *Nan kua*."

23948. "(No. 1004a.) Chinese name *Tau nan kua*."

23949. "(No. 1005a.) Chinese name *Tchoo tze kua*."

23950. "(No. 1006a.) Chinese name *Ba loeng woo kua*."

23951. "(No. 1007a.) Chinese name *Shi bin woo kua*."

23952. "(No. 1008a.) Chinese name *Hsi hu kua*."

"The above numbers include pumpkins and squashes and are used by the Chinese as vegetables, either stewed or boiled. The seeds too are roasted or boiled in salted water and then dried. The plants are mostly grown between corn, sorghum, and other tall-growing crops, sometimes even on rather alkaline soil." (*Meyer*.)

23953 to 23956. DOLICHOS LABLAB L.

Bonavist bean.

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

23953. "(No. 1009a.) Chinese name *Lung tsoo pian doh*. Black colored."

23954. "(No. 1010a.) Chinese name *Tze pian doh*. Black colored."

23955. "(No. 1011a.) Chinese name *Ching pian doh*. Brown colored."

23956. "(No. 1012a.) Chinese name *Pai pian doh*. White colored."

"All the above hyacinth [bonavist] beans are grown by the Chinese against sorghum-stem fences and between sorghum and corn crops, in which case they use the stems of these last-named plants for their support. The pods when green and juicy are sliced and eaten boiled as a vegetable; the leaves when dry are boiled in soups and considered a rather expensive food." (*Meyer*.)

23957. PHASEOLUS COCCINEUS L.

Scarlet runner bean.

From Peking, Chihli, China. "(No. 1013a, Mar. 25, 1908.) The scarlet runner is grown sparsely in northern China against fences of sorghum stems and on poles, apparently for ornament, though the fresh pods are sliced and eaten boiled and the dry beans are sometimes cooked in soups. Chinese name *Hua pian doh*." (*Meyer*.)

23958. PHASEOLUS VULGARIS L.

From Peking, Chihli, China. "(No. 1014a, Mar. 25, 1908.) A form of garden bean, loving a rich garden soil, but being able to stand much alkali. The young pods are eaten boiled as a vegetable; the dry beans are cooked in soups. Chinese name *Yueng pian doh*." (*Meyer*.)

23959. VIGNA SESQUIPEDALIS (L.) W. F. Wight.

From Peking, Chihli, China. "(No. 1015a, Mar. 25, 1908.) A long string bean, the pods of which are eaten boiled as a vegetable. Has to be grown on stakes and is remarkably productive. Chinese name *Chiang doh*." (*Meyer*.)

23960. ABRUS PRAECATORIUS L.

From Peking, Chihli, China. "(No. 1016a, Mar. 25, 1908.) The paternoster bean; grown by the Chinese for medicine and for ornament, namely, they manufacture beads and bracelets of the seeds by stringing them on strong threads. Chinese name *Yae ho hua*." (*Meyer*.)