

24451 to 24575—Continued.

24568 and 24569. ELAEAGNUS ANGUSTIFOLIA L. **Oleaster.**

24568. “(No. 146.) A cultivated form with edible fruits fully an inch in length, extensively grown in Turkestan. This sample is from Chardchui.” (*Hansen.*)

24569. “(No. 238.) Seed of an edible-fruited form, fruit fully an inch long, as grown in Transcaucasia. This lot from bazaar at Tiflis, Transcaucasia.” (*Hansen.*)

Distribution.—A native of southern Europe and western Asia, in the region of the Caspian Sea. Cultivated as an ornamental in the United States.

24570. PHASEOLUS RADIATUS L. **Green gram.**

“(No. 186.) As grown by the Mohammedans on the northern limits of cotton culture near Tashkend, Turkestan. Used as a catch crop when too late for cotton. The peas are called *Masch* by the natives, and are used for food by them. A promising legume as a cover crop for the cotton belt, and in the dry parts of the Southwest.” (*Hansen.*)

24571. ALLIUM sp.

“(No. 191.) An ornamental native onion found in the mountains near Tashkend, Turkestan.” (*Hansen.*)

24572. PUNICA GRANATUM L. **Pomegranate.**

“(No. 235.) Seed of a native variety grown by the native Sarts at Old Bokhara, Turkestan.” (*Hansen.*)

24573. ZIZYPHUS SATIVA Gaertn. **Chinese date.**

“(No. 237.) A sweet fruit from Kutais Province, Transcaucasia, bought in fruit bazaar at Baku.” (*Hansen.*)

24574. PISTACIA VERA L. **Pistache.**

“(No. 239.) Pistache nuts grown in southern Transcaucasia (Armenia) near Persian frontier. This lot is from bazaar at Tiflis, Transcaucasia.” (*Hansen.*)

Distribution.—A native of Asia; beginning to be cultivated in California.

24575. SESAMUM ORIENTALE L. **Sesame.**

“(No. 245.) Seeds raised in the Golodnaya or Hunger steppe, Turkestan. The sesame oil is much liked for table use by the native Mohammedan Sarts. The first oil pressed out is used for the table and in cooking; the rest, with the seeds, is used for the manufacture of *Khalvah*, a favorite Russian and oriental candy. The merits of this sesame oil-cake confection should be investigated by manufacturers in the driest and hottest regions of the United States, as *Khalvah* is certainly a delicious candy, with its fine silk-thread consistency and rich nut flavor. Sesame oil alone will not probably win much favor here, with the abundant and cheap cotton-seed oil. Sesame is an annual and extensively grown in oriental countries.” (*Hansen.*)

24576. PUNICA GRANATUM L. **Pomegranate.**

From Chios, Turkey in Asia. Presented by Mr. N. J. Pantelides. Received January 12, 1909.

Cuttings.

“These pomegranates are not seedless, but the seed is so soft that it can be ground between the teeth without the least difficulty, especially if the fruit is left to ripen long enough on the tree, which needs to be copiously watered.” (*Extract from letter of Mr. Pantelides, dated December 24, 1903.*)