

SEEDS AND PLANTS IMPORTED DURING THE
PERIOD FROM APRIL 1 TO JUNE 30, 1909:
INVENTORY NO. 19; NOS. 25192 TO 25717.

INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT.

The material listed in this nineteenth inventory of seeds and plants imported was secured almost entirely through friends and correspondents abroad and by the efforts of coworkers in this country. No agricultural explorers were in the field during the time covered, although three varieties of alfalfa and one of clover secured by Professor Hansen in central Asia are included here, having arrived too late for the last inventory, and as this inventory goes to press Mr. Frank N. Meyer is on his way to Chinese Turkestan, where he goes in search of hardy fruits, forage crops, and grains.

The following are some of the more important items in this inventory:

A collection of named German and other European varieties of alfalfa (Nos. 25193, 25194, 25257, and 25264 and following numbers) has been secured for the work in Plant Life History Investigations.

Following the example of Louisiana and Hawaii, it is hoped that some valuable work can be done for the newly opened region in southern Texas with a fine collection of sugar-cane hybrids recently received at the South Texas Garden from the Harvard Botanic Station in Cuba (Nos. 25225 to 25242).

A remarkable eucalypt hybrid (No. 25246) which comes true from seed, an acquisition from Algeria, should be of value to growers of these trees in California.

A clover and three varieties of alfalfa, previously mentioned (No. 25276 and following numbers), were secured through Prof. N. E. Hansen on his central Asian journey, but arrived too late to be grouped with the forage crops described in the last inventory.

The specialists in cereals of the Department of Agriculture and the state experiment stations making oat trials will undoubtedly find some good material in the collections from Spain, Italy, and Roumania (No. 25317 and following numbers, No. 25351 and following numbers, and No. 25580 and following numbers).