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in meat and fish dishes. Foreigners in China grate them and serve them boiled as a winter vegetable, in which state they resemble sweet corn very much in looks and taste.

“The plants need a hot summer to mature and are grown on a muck or clayey soil with several inches of standing water on top, very much in the same manner as wet-land rice.” (*Frank N. Meyer.*)

Distribution.—A native of China, and extensively cultivated there for its tubers.

25642 to 25645. VICIA FABA L.**Horse bean.**

From Malaga, Spain. Presented by Mr. Charles M. Caughy, American consul. Received June 17, 1909.

Seeds of the following:

25642. *Morada.*

25644. *Mazagana.*

25643. *Cochinera* (pig).

25645. *Turragona.*

“These beans are soaked for 12 hours and planted in land which is thoroughly irrigated. No further attention is paid to them until the stalks are about 2 feet high. They all occupy about the same time in ripening and in parts of the district there are 3 plantings a year, viz, September, December, and March.

“It is impossible to say anything as to their ability to resist frost, as that is not experienced here.

“The stalks are fed to stock without any preparation whatsoever except to cut them in short lengths, and have such little value that they are given to those who are willing to take them away.” (*Caughy.*)

25646 to 25648.

From Yachow, China. Procured by Mr. H. J. Openshaw. Received June 16, 1909.

The following seeds:

25646 and 25647. PHASEOLUS VULGARIS L.

25646. Mottled red.

25647. Black.

25648. DOLICHOS LABLAB L.

Bonavist bean.

Black.

25649 to 25658. GLYCINE HISPIDA (Moench) Maxim. Soy bean.

From Newchwang, China. Presented by Mr. Fred. D. Fisher, American consul. Received June 18, 1909.

The following seeds. Quoted notes by Mr. Fisher; descriptions of varieties by Mr. C. V. Piper.

25649 to 25651. “*Pai-mei* (white eyebrow), from the white scar on the saddle or point of attachment to the pod.” These three numbers consist wholly, or mostly, of *Ito San*.

25649. (Locality unknown.)

25650. From Mukden.

25651. From Kwangning.

25652. “*Chien-huang* (golden yellow), from the golden color and more rounded shape of the bean.” Subglobose yellow seeds with brown hilum.