

26330 to 26343—Continued.

'Royal Inclosures.' The 'Special Tea' comes from the Chungan magistrate's private stock. The Kienningfu plants produce an inferior quality of tea from that of the cliff district. These plants may be raised from cuttings in the spring; those of the cliff district by seed only.

"The seeds should be soaked in water twenty-four hours before planting, and then planted in the open to a depth of 5 inches in low mounds 3 feet apart; ridges should be made so the rain runs freely from the mounds. Considerable moisture after planting is not desirable.

"The Dragon Pool seed sent is from the Wuishan district. All the seeds are authentic, as Mr. Nightingale gathered them personally." (*Extract from letter dated October 25, 1909, written by Consul Gracey to Mr. George S. Baker, United States dispatch agent, San Francisco, Cal.*)

26344 to 26352. ROSA spp.**Rose.**

From Woods Hole, Mass. Presented by Mr. M. H. Walsh. Received December 2, 1909.

Plants of the following Rambler roses; descriptive notes by Mr. Walsh:

26344. "*Kalmia* is a beautiful light *Kalmia* formed and colored flower, single."

26345. "*Bonnie Belle* is carmine and pink, single."

26346. "*Delight*, bright red."

26347. "*La Fiamma*, single; intense crimson, with white center."

26348. "*Coquina*, as its name denotes, is shell color."

26349. "*Milky Way*, single, white, large flower; an improved wichuriana."

26350. "*Lady Blanche*, double white wichuriana hybrid; very dark, glossy foliage; flowers borne in clusters similar to *Lady Gay*. This variety is deliciously fragrant."

26351. "*Excelsa* is double, crimson maroon, with tips of petals fiery scarlet; this will rank as one of the best."

26352. "*Jessica*, a climbing variety, large glossy foliage; large, double flower, cotton white, fragrant; a valuable acquisition."

26353. METTERNICHIA WERCKLEI K. Schum.

From San Jose, Costa Rica. Presented by Mr. Ad. Tonduz. Received December 4, 1909.

"Fleshy roots of what Mr. Carlos Wercklé calls the 'edible tuber' of *Metternichia wercklei* K. Schum. (Solanacæ); he experimented with eating these pseudotubercles and found them agreeable and without any poisonous principle. *Metternichia wercklei* grows in the high plateaus of La Palma, near San Jose, at 5,000 feet altitude. It is sometimes a branching bush, 7 to 10 feet high, which grows in the ground, and sometimes a semiepiphyte which grows in rotted trunks of trees or in a hollow of some large tree. Mr. Wercklé says that this bush can be propagated very easily by means of pieces of roots." (*Tonduz.*)

26354. CRATAEGUS AZAROLUS L.

From Acre, Palestine. Presented by Miss Rifka Aaronsohn, Zichron-Jacob, near Haifa, Palestine. Received October 19, 1909.

"Seed of the large, red-fruited variety." (*Aaronsohn.*)

See No. 26116 for description.