

26537 to 26539—Continued.

26539. "Second seed crop of Peruvian alfalfa from the same plot that produced No. 26538. Both of these lots of seed are second-generation progeny of S. P. I. No. 9303. The first-generation seed was produced at Yuma, Ariz., from the original lot."

26540. MEDICAGO SATIVA L.**Alfalfa.**

From Tappen, N. Dak. Grown by Mr. W. H. Niles in cooperative experiments with Mr. Charles J. Brand. Received January, 1910.

Grimm. "This seed was produced in 1909 from an acre plot seeded in comparison with 15 others at Tappen, N. Dak., in the spring of 1905. To date it has proven the hardiest variety in the experiment, which includes seed from a number of points in the United States, Germany, France, and Russia." (*Brand.*)

26543. AMYGDALUS COMMUNIS L.**Almond.**

From mountainous regions of Algeria, height about 3,300 feet. Presented by Dr. L. Trabut, Algiers, Algeria. Received January 18, 1910.

"A wild form of tolerably large size, robust, and very resistant to drought. Would be a good stock." (*Trabut.*)

26561. BAUHINIA MONANDRA KURZ. (?)

From Port Louis, Mauritius. Presented by Mr. G. Regnard. Received January 18, 1910.

26562. CYDONIA sp.**Quince.**

From Shanghai, China. Presented by Rev. J. M. W. Farnham. Received January 21, 1910.

"These quinces grow very large, but are coarser and harder than American varieties. The one from which part of these seeds were taken was 12 inches in circumference and about 5 inches long." (*Farnham.*)

26563 and 26564. BRASSICA OLERACEA CAPITATA L.**Cabbage.**

From Manchuria. Presented by Mr. A. A. Williamson, American vice and deputy consul, Dalny, Manchuria. Received January 18, 1910.

Seeds of the following:

26563. From Kinchow.

26564. From Chefoo.

26566. VITIS VINIFERA L.**Grape.**

From Besni, in the Deyarbekir Valley, Turkey. Procured by Mr. Wm. W. Masterson, American consul, Mamuretul-Aziz (Harput), Turkey. Received January 20, 1910.

Cuttings of the following. The white and the black variety are contained in this shipment, but this was not learned until some time after it had been received:

Besni. "This grape is long in shape, similar to the *Thompson Seedless*, and from what I have heard, larger than *Muscat*, but not having as many seeds, only one or two. When it is dried, it is claimed it has an oblong shape and has a clearer and lighter color than a *Muscat*." (*Extract from letter of Mr. Z. J. Josephian, which was inclosed in one from Miss Dorothy Farmer, Oakland, Cal., received February 26, 1908.*)

"I have never tasted such grapes anywhere as I have here, and the raisins made from these particular grapes (*Besni*) are of a wonderfully fine flavor and very large, and I think if such vines could be cultivated in America, it would prove a wonderful addition to our grape industry." (*Masterson.*)