

26794 to 26797—Continued.

26797. "Cuttings from different trees of good unnamed sorts. I do not know if they really would constitute separate varieties. My friend, Mr. Sung Shao Ru, says they are good kinds he selected carefully."

"It is said that the Hwai Yuan pomegranates are the best in China, and I think it is very likely true. I believe they are sent from here for the Emperor's use. These cuttings were gathered for me by a friend who is a great tree lover and skilled in arboriculture so far as it is known in this part of the world. I have not seen the trees nor eaten the fruit of the particular ones from which these cuttings were taken, but I rely on what he says." (*Cochran.*)

26798. *CYTISUS BIFLORUS* L'Herit.

From Sarepta, Russia. Collected by Mr. K. B. Christies, presented by Mr. W. von Arapow, agronomist of Samara, Russia, through Mr. C. S. Scofield. Received January 26, 1910.

"This plant has a prostrate woody stem 1 to 3 decimeters long, with slightly oval leaves less than an inch long. It has been used somewhat in Europe as an ornamental, but from its description it does not appear to be promising as a forage plant." (*P. L. Ricker.*)

Distribution.—Southern Russia, and in Siberia, especially on the slopes of the Ural and Altai Mountains.

26799. *ALEURITES FORDII* Hemsl. **China wood-oil tree.**

From Audubon Park, New Orleans, La. Procured by Mr. Peter Bisset. Received February 14, 1910.

Grown from S. P. I. No. 13104. See S. P. I. No. 25081 for description.

26800. *ROBINIA PSEUD-ACACIA* L.

From Kew, England. Presented by the Royal Botanic Garden. Received February 17, 1910.

Variety *fastigiata*. "This curious tree, now seldom seen, is represented in the collection of Leguminosæ at Kew by a specimen 50 feet or so high. In habit it is one of the most erect and columnar of this class of trees, narrower, indeed, in proportion to its height than the Lombardy Poplar." (*W. J. Bean, Gardeners' Chronicle, March 9, 1907.*)

NOTE.—Linnaeus in the *Species Plantarum*, 1753, vol. 2, p. 722, published the above specific name as two words, "*Robinia Pseudo Acacia*." In the second edition of the *Species Plantarum*, 1763, vol. 2, p. 1043, the name was changed to "*Robinia Pseud-Acacia*," and the latter is here accepted as the correct form.

26801 to 26817.

From Russia. Received through Mr. Frank N. Meyer, agricultural explorer, February 12, 1910.

Cuttings of the following:

26801. *OLEA EUROPAEA* L.**Olive.**

From Nikita, Crimea, Russia. "(No. 388, January 22, 1910.) Cuttings from a very large olive tree, several centuries old, growing in the Imperial Botanical Garden at Nikita, and bearing large fruits. This and following numbers (S. P. I. Nos. 26802 to 26811) are cuttings of olive trees that have withstood temperatures of about -2° F. unhurt when other olives were frozen to the