

26866 to 26884—Continued.

Distribution.—Southern Europe, western Asia, and northern Africa; cultivated in the United States as an ornamental shrub, and occasionally escaped along roadsides.

26881. HERACLEUM sp.

From near Kirikinesh, Crimea, Russia. "(No. 1232a, January 16, 1910.) A *Heracleum* with very large umbels. Found on a stony mountain side. Of value as an ornamental plant in parks and large gardens in mild-wintered regions where hot and dry summers prevail." (*Meyer.*)

26882. RUSCUS ACULEATUS L.**Butcher's-broom.**

From near Kirikinesh, Crimea, Russia. "(No. 1233a, January 16, 1910.) The well-known butcher's broom, growing wild in the Crimea in open woods and in thickets on the hillsides. Used locally for brooms to clean roads and courtyards. The plant is quite ornamental, being evergreen, only a foot or so in height, and bearing large scarlet berries. Of value as a ground cover underneath trees in gardens and parks in regions with hot and dry summers and fairly mild winters." (*Meyer.*)

Distribution.—From central and southern Europe east to Asia Minor, and also in northern Africa.

26883. ASPARAGUS sp.

From near Kirikinesh, Crimea, Russia. "(No. 1234a, January 16, 1910.) A climbing asparagus found once in awhile in an open thicket. Seems to be ornamental. Of value in regions like the preceding numbers." (*Meyer.*)

26884. JUNIPERUS OXYCEDRUS L.**Juniper.**

From near Sebastopol, Crimea, Russia. "(No. 1235a, January 11, 1910.) An ornamental juniper with light-green foliage, which is covered with a whitish bloom; it bears light-brown berries. Grows on very dry and sterile hill and mountain sides. Mostly seen as a spreading shrub, though occasionally reaching the size and appearance of a small tree. Of value as an ornamental evergreen in regions where hot and dry summers and fairly mild winters are experienced." (*Meyer.*)

Distribution.—Mountain slopes in the countries bordering on the Mediterranean from Spain to Persia and in northern Africa.

26885. CYCLAMEN PERSICUM Miller.

From near Gagri, Caucasus, Russia. Received through Mr. Frank N. Meyer, agricultural explorer, February 24, 1910.

"(No. 419, January 31, 1910.) Tubers of the beautiful wild *Cyclamen*, that is flowering profusely at this time of the year, in the Caucasus. It is quite variable even in the wild state. Deserves to be naturalized in the mild-wintered regions of the United States, and will do especially well in northern and central California." (*Meyer.*)

Distribution.—In shady woods throughout Macedonia and Greece, and east to Lebanon and Palestine.

26886. PRUNUS SIMONII Carr.

From Dongsì, China. Received through Mr. Frank N. Meyer, agricultural explorer, at the Plant Introduction Garden, Chico, Cal. Numbered February 25, 1910.

"(No. 735a, June 22, 1907.) Seeds of an apricot-plum. A rare fruit that looks like an apricot, but is sour like a plum. Very fragrant, with downy, dull-yellow skin; rather small-sized. Perhaps a natural hybrid between the apricot and the plum." (*Meyer.*)