

26901 to 26907—Continued.**26904. ACTINIDIA sp.**

“*Deng li* (deng-lee), or vine pear, so called because resembling somewhat in appearance a Chinese pear, grows among the hills. The fruit is full of small seeds and slightly resembles a fig in taste. It is good for eating raw, stewed, or made into jam.”

26905. MYRICA NAGI Thunb.

“*Yiangme* (yiangmā), or tree strawberry. A round, bright-red, sweet, juicy fruit, growing on trees; construction similar to Osage orange or hedge apple. It is splendid for eating raw or stewed; the canned fruit must be kept in the dark, or it turns to vinegar. There is little to this fruit except juice, but it should become a favorite at once; aside from eating raw, its best use would probably be for making a drink by pressing out pulp and seeds. It will be a better shipper than the strawberry.”

26906. RAPHANUS SATIVUS L.**Radish.**

“Large white radish. We use these as a cooked vegetable on the table and also raw; they are best cooked with meat.”

26907. TRACHYCARPUS EXCELSUS (Thunb.) Wendl.

“A beautiful palm, hardy even if the ground freezes slightly.”

Distribution.—Cultivated, and probably indigenous, in the Provinces of Kiangsu, Chekiang, and Szechwan, of the Chinese Empire, in the Korean Archipelago, and in Japan and the island of Formosa.”

26908 to 26910.

From Limon, Costa Rica. Presented by Mr. H. F. Schultz, Ancon, Canal Zone, Panama. Received February 26, 1910.

Seeds of the following:

26908. PASSIFLORA LIGULARIS Juss.**Granadilla.**

“One of the best flavored of all the granadillas, sometimes called *Grandita de China* in southern Mexico, and often incorrectly identified as *Passiflora quadrangularis*. It has a parchment-like shell of a yellow or orange color, sometimes speckled with minute dots of a lighter color. Its pulp has a pleasant acidulous flavor and is used in many tropical countries for making a cooling drink, and also for frozen sherbets. For this purpose it is considered superior to the ‘water-lemon’ (*P. laurifolia*), which may be identified by its soft, flexible skin, and the ‘passion fruit,’ cultivated in Australia (*P. edulis*) which is characterized by its purple-dotted surface. The flowers are ornamental, and the plant grows rapidly, soon covering trellises and arbors in warm countries.”
W. E. Safford.)

Distribution.—From the southern part of Mexico southward to Colombia and Ecuador, and in Costa Rica.

26909. CHAYOTA EDULIS Jacq.**Chayote.****26910. ANONA sp.****26911. MEDICAGO SATIVA L.****Alfalfa.**

From Samara Province, Russia. Received from Messrs. Vollmer & Co., Riga, Russia, through Mr. J. M. Westgate, February 28, 1910.

“This seed is of interest owing to the fact that introductions of *Medicago falcata* have been secured from this same section.” (*Westgate.*)