

26938. PTERYGOTA ALATA (Roxb.) R. Br.

From Nice, France. Presented by Dr. A. Robertson Proschowsky. Received March 4, 1910.

"The winged seeds of this tree are sometimes eaten by the natives of Burma; according to Roxburgh they are used in Sylhet as a cheap substitute for opium. The wood is light, coarsely fibrous, yellowish white, perishable." (*Watt, Dictionary of the Economic Products of India, vol. 6, pt. 3, p. 361.*)

Distribution.—The western peninsula of India and in the vicinities of Sylhet, Chittagong, Pegu, Martaban, and Tenasserim; also on the Andaman islands.

26939 to 26943. SOLANUM COMMERSONII DUN.

From Berlin, Germany. Presented by Mr. L. Wittmack, Royal School of Agriculture. Received March 4, 1910.

Tubers for use in potato-breeding investigations.

Distribution.—The vicinity of Montevideo, Uruguay.

26944. ZIZANIA LATIFOLIA (Griseb.) Stapf.

From Kew, England. Presented by the Royal Botanic Gardens, at the request of Mr. C. S. Scofield. Received March 3, 1910.

See No. 26760 for description.

26945. QUERCUS DENTATA Thunb.

From the Ming Tombs, near Nan Kou, China. Presented by Mr. F. Bade, through Mr. Hamilton Butler, vice consul-general in charge, Tientsin. Received January 25, 1910.

For previous introductions see Nos. 17842, 17879, and 18265.

Distribution.—Mountain slopes in the provinces of Chibli, Shingking, Shantung, Shensi, and Yunnan, China, in the vicinity of Port Hamilton, Korea, on Green Island, in the Korean Archipelago, and in the vicinities of Hakodate, Simoda, Yokohama, and Yokosuka, in Japan.

26946 to 26948. PHOENIX DACTYLIFERA L. Date.

From Panj Chur, Baluchistan. Procured by Mr. John A. Ray, American consul, Maskat, Oman, Arabia. Received January 29 and March 5, 1910.

Seeds of the following; notes by Mr. Ray:

26946. "The best dates; packed in little cases of straw and called 'pish baud' from pish (straw) and baud (tied); that is, tied in straw."

26947. "Dates packed in a skin. Said to be the kind sold in jars in India. They are called 'mazabti,' which is said to mean 'cleaned' in Baluchi. On reaching India they are taken from the skins and placed in jars, and they are then known as 'burni' dates, from burni (meaning jar in Hindustani)."

26948. These dates are better than the preceding numbers. They are packed in jars and are called in the Baluchi language 'homb' (I do not know how they write it). In Arabic they are called 'burni,' meaning jar."

26949. DIOSPYROS KAKI L. f. Persimmon.

From Hwai Yuan, via Nanking, China, presented by Dr. Samuel Cochran, American Presbyterian Mission. Received February 26, 1910.

26950. ZEA MAYS L. Corn.

From the hacienda of Mr. A. E. Graham, of Forlon, Tamaulipas, Mexico, post-office address Cruz Station, Tamaulipas, Mexico. Procured by Mr. Clarence A. Miller, American consul, Matamoros, Mexico. Received March 8, 1910.

White seeded.