

27112 to 27150—Continued.

27117. *BERBERIS CONCINNA* Hook. f.

Distribution.—Interior valleys of the Himalayas, at an elevation of 12,000 to 13,000 feet, in the Province of Sikkim, northern India.

27118. *BERBERIS DICTYOPHYLLA* Franch.

Distribution.—Slopes of the mountains in the Province of Yunnan, southern China, at an elevation of 10,000 feet.

27119. *BERBERIS PACHYACANTHA* Koehne.

Distribution.—Slopes of the Himalayas, at an altitude of 10,000 feet, in the Province of Kashmir, northern India.

27120. *BERBERIS THUNBERGII* DC.

Distribution.—Slopes of the mountains on the island of Kiushu, Japan. Generally cultivated as an ornamental.

27121. *BERBERIS UMBELLATA* Wall.

Distribution.—Temperate slopes of the Himalayas at an elevation of 9,000 to 11,000 feet, from Kumaon to Bhotan, India.

27122. *BERBERIS VIRESCENS* Hook. f.

Distribution.—Slopes of the Himalayas at an elevation of 9,000 feet, in the provinces of Sikkim and Bhotan, northern India.

27123. *MALUS MEDWIETZKYANA* Dieck.

NOTE.—These seeds were received under the name *Pyrus niedzwetzkyana*. The first name given to this apple, *Malus medwietzkyana*, appears in the Neuheiten-Offerte des National-Arboretums zu Zoeschen bei Merseburg, for 1891, page 16. Dr. Dieck here states that it was collected by "Herrn Gerichtspräsidenten Medwietzky." In the same catalogue for 1892-3, Dr. Dieck gives the collector's name as "Herrn Gerichtspräsidenten Niedzwetzky," and calls the apple "*Malus niedzwetzkyana*." Being trade catalogues, a description printed therein is not considered as botanical publication of these names. Another notice of this apple appears in the Wiener Garten Zeitung for April, 1891, page 164. Here, under the name *Malus Medwietzkyana*, are given the statements found in Dieck's 1891 catalogue, and the description being sufficient for identification, it is regarded as the place of botanical publication. Also, in the Gardeners' Chronicle for April 11, 1891, page 461, under the name *Malus medwietzkyana*, the same notes and descriptions are given, evidently taken from Dieck's catalogue.

Koehne, Deutsche Dendrologie 259, 1893, under *Malus paradisiaca*, mentions *M. niedzwetzkyana*, stating that he is not sure it is a form of *M. paradisiaca*. Hemsley, Curtis's Botanical Magazine, plate 7975, 1904, under the name *Pyrus niedzwetzkyana*, gives a figure and a detailed description of the plant and cites all the above-mentioned publications. Regarding the specific name he remarks: "As to the spelling of the distinctive name, we have adopted the one used by the author in his second account of the plant, where, however, he gives no explanation of the deviation from the first."

As to the correct spelling of the name of Dr. Dieck's patron, Mr. A. V. Babine, assistant in charge of the Slavic section of the Library of Congress, in reply to an inquiry as to the correct spelling of the name, states: "I have looked up the name you mention. The second form given by you (Medwietzky) is more nearly correct." There seems, therefore, to be no reason for the change of spelling adopted by Hemsley, and the correct name for this apple remains *Malus medwietzkyana*, as first used by Dieck and as published in the Wiener Garten Zeitung, above cited. (*H. C. Skeels*.)