

27172 to 27193—Continued.**27186. PUNICA GRANATUM L.****Pomegranate.**

From near Gagri, Caucasus, Russia. "(No. 1250a, January 31, 1910.) A pomegranate occurring wild in stony cliffs near the seashore. Of no particular value, save as an interesting wild plant, as the fruits are rather small and sour." (Meyer.)

27187. ARBUTUS ANDRACHNE L.

From Nikita, Crimea, Russia. "(No. 1251a, January 24, 1910.) A very interesting, ornamental, native tree of the Crimea, being evergreen and bearing scarlet edible berries, which vary much in size. Grows in stony cliffs and at the very brinks of precipices, where its gnarled, barkless, white or reddish trunks often give one the impression of some prehistoric creature. Of value as an ornamental tree or tall shrub in mild-wintered regions, where dry and hot summers prevail." (Meyer.)

Distribution.—In the woods on the lower slopes of the mountains of Greece and the Crimea and eastward through Asia Minor to Syria; also in the islands of the Grecian archipelago and in Crete and Cyprus.

27188. PHOTINIA VILLOSA LAEVIS (Thunb.) Dippel.

From near Berlin, Germany. "(No. 1252a, October 27, 1909.) A tall bush with dark-green, long-persistent foliage, covered in late summer and autumn with scarlet berries. Of ornamental value in gardens and parks. Collected from a specimen in the Späth nurseries near Berlin, Germany." (Meyer.)

Distribution.—The provinces of Chekiang, Kiangsi, and Hupeh in south-eastern China, Port Chusan in Korea, and in Formosa and Japan.

27189. BUPLEURUM FRUTICOSUM L.

From Orianda, Crimea, Russia. "(No. 1253a, January 25, 1910.) Seeds of an umbelliferous evergreen shrub, found growing on shady places, often quite near the seashore. Appears to stand clipping quite well and is sparingly seen as a clipped hedge. Of value as a seaside shrub in mild-wintered regions, beneath trees and on shady places." (Meyer.)

Distribution.—Along the shores of the Mediterranean from Spain and Portugal to Syria and in northern Africa.

27190. MEDICAGO RIGIDULA (L.) Desf.

From near Nikita, Crimea, Russia. "(No. 1254a, January 24, 1910.) An annual alfalfa growing here and there on gravelly hill slopes. Of value as a spring forage plant in mild-wintered regions, where hot and dry summers prevail." (Meyer.)

27191. ASPARAGUS sp.

From Orianda, Crimea, Russia. "(No. 1255a, January 25, 1910.) A wild herbaceous asparagus, of climbing habits, found between shrubs near the seaside. Perhaps ornamental. Probably the same as No. 1234a (S. P. I. No. 26883). See this number for further remarks." (Meyer.)

27192. VIOLA sp.**Violet.**

From near Gagri, Caucasus, Russia. "(No. 1256a, February 1, 1910.) The same as Nos. 411 and 412 (S. P. I. Nos. 26863 and 26864), under which numbers live plants were sent. See these numbers for remarks." (Meyer.)

27193. RUSCUS HYPOGLOSSUM L.

From near Gagri, Caucasus, Russia. "(No. 1257a, February 1, 1910.) The beautiful, large-leaved butcher's-broom found on shady, somewhat moist