

27302 to 27304.

From Russia. Received through Mr. Frank N. Meyer, agricultural explorer, March 25, 1910.

27302. AMYGDALUS FENZLIANA (Fritsch) Korsh.

From Tiflis, Caucasus, Russia. "(No. 472, March 7, 1910.) A shrubby ornamental almond, flowering in early spring, with white flowers; growing in semiarid sections in eastern Caucasus. Suggested as a stock for almonds and other stone fruits in mild-wintered, semiarid sections, also of value, possibly, in breeding a bushy, drought-resistant strain of almonds for semiarid regions. Obtained from the Tiflis Botanical Garden." (*Meyer.*) (Plants.)

Distribution.—Arid mountain slopes of the transcaucasian provinces of Russia, at Phalernum in Greece, and on the islands of Crete and Sicily.

27303. PRUNUS MICROCARPA Meyer.

From Tiflis, Caucasus, Russia. "(No. 473, March 7, 1910.) A shrubby, small-fruited cherry, flowering early in spring. Coming from the semiarid sections of southeastern Caucasus. To be tested as an ornamental flowering shrub and perhaps also as a stock for stone fruits in the semiarid sections of the United States. Obtained from the Tiflis Botanical Garden." (*Meyer.*) (Plants.)

Distribution.—The slopes of the Beshbarmak Mountains near the Caspian Sea, and in the province of Astrabad, northwestern Persia.

27304. COLCHICUM SPECIOSUM Stev.

From Tiflis, Caucasus, Russia. "(No. 474, March 7, 1910.) A bulbous plant, flowering in autumn with large showy flowers of dark rose color. The strong foliage appears in spring, but dies off in midsummer and after some weeks of rest the flowers appear. It likes semishady places. Of value as an ornamental garden plant in the mild-wintered sections of the United States. Obtained from the Tiflis Botanical Garden." (*Meyer.*) (Bulbs.)

Distribution.—On the slopes of the Caucasus Mountains in southeastern Russia, and in northern Persia. Generally cultivated as an ornamental.

27305 to 27309.

From Paris, France. Presented by Mr. Maurice L. de Vilmorin, 13 Quai d'Orsay. Received March 25, 1910.

Plants of the following:

27305. BERBERIS SINENSIS Desf.

"(Vilm. No. 4456.)"

Distribution.—The Provinces of Chihli, Shingking, and Kansu in China; near Laoling, Korea; and in Japan.

27306. BERBERIS sp.

"(Vilm. No. 3927.)"

27307. BERBERIS SANGUINEA Franch.

See No. 25942 for previous introduction.

27308. CLEMATIS DELAVAYI Franch.

Distribution.—On mountain slopes in the Province of Yunnan in southern China.

27309. ROSA SERICEA Lindl.

Variety *fructu rubro*.