

the three selected strains of Norwegian clover, the Molstad, Toten, and Hvinden's, from Roikenvik (Nos. 27600, 27601, and 27602). Fiber experts in Porto Rico, the Philippines, and Hawaii should have their attention called to the *Furcraea*, from Costa Rica (No. 27777), which is said to have a fiber that is whiter than sisal and is considered of enough importance to be planted on a large scale in Central America. The growing use, especially on the Pacific coast, of the winter muskmelon, or cassaba, makes the introduction of a series of these winter-ripening melons (Nos. 27779-27788) from the Greek islands of Zante and Cephalonia of interest to the melon growers of the Southwest. Although maraschino as a liqueur is well known to Americans, the cherry from which it is made, which is grown on a few small islands in the Adriatic, seems with this introduction to be brought for the first time into America (No. 27791). To those in the Philippines, Hawaii, and Porto Rico who are engaged in the cultivation of rubber trees the introduction of the *Sapium jenmani* of Demerara (No. 27873), from which one of the highest priced rubbers in the world is obtained, can not fail to be of interest. The paint manufacturers, it is learned, import large quantities of euphorbium rosin from Morocco for use in the manufacture of rustless coatings for steel structures, and the introduction of the seed of the euphorbiaceous plant (No. 27955) from the mountain slopes of that country may lead to the creation of a home supply of this material. Seeds have been obtained of the nan mu tree of the Yangtze Valley (No. 28128), which furnishes the most famous of Chinese woods, used in the building of the imperial palaces. As this tree is said to be in danger of extinction and as it will probably grow in our Southern States, the introduction of seeds of it at this time is of special importance. Since the introduction in 1853, from France, of the Chinese sorgo, there seems to have been no reintroduction of that particular strain until this year, when seed of this identical variety (No. 28024) was obtained by correspondence from Tsungming Island, at the mouth of the Yangtze.

Guava cultivation in Florida and Porto Rico for the production of guava jelly has reached a stage when the introduction of a close relative of the guava from Para (*Britoa acida*, No. 28061) will interest a considerable number of people because of its acid fruits. The call on the part of the California growers who supply table grapes to the eastern market for varieties that will better withstand shipment has become insistent and special efforts are being made to meet the demand. A collection of 13 varieties of table grapes from Servia is of interest in this connection (Nos. 27685-27697). For those breeders of the oriental and American persimmon who believe that the cultivation of this fruit plant can be developed into a great orchard industry, a search is being made after all the species of *Diospyros* which it is