

27512 to 27517—Continued.

"The trees themselves are ornamental, but the fruits are too small to be ever used by the white races as a dessert." (*Meyer.*)

See also S. P. I. Nos. 17173, 17905 to 17907, 18266, 18599, 19395, 22370, and 22599 for previous introductions.

Distribution.—Southern Europe and Asia; native from the Caucasus region eastward through northern India and central China to Japan; naturalized in the European countries bordering on the Mediterranean.

27513. CICER ARIETINUM L.**Chick-pea.**

From Batum, Caucasus, Russia. "(No. 1259a, February 24, 1910.) These chickpeas are locally called '*Arnout*' and are said to come from the vicinity of Anapa, Northern Caucasus. They are much eaten here by the natives and the Russians, generally boiled in soups or served with meat stews, also roasted and sugared and eaten as a sweetmeat. To be tested especially in the semi-arid sections of the United States." (*Meyer.*)

27514. TRITICUM DURUM Desf.**Wheat.**

From Batum, Caucasus, Russia. "(No. 1260a, February 25, 1910.) A winter wheat of first quality, called '*Kriek Bogda*,' said to come from Samsun, Asia Minor; costs 3 rubles per pood in Batum. To be tested in mild-wintered semi-arid sections of the United States." (*Meyer.*)

27515. TRITICUM DURUM Desf.**Wheat.**

From Batum, Caucasus, Russia. "(No. 1261a, February 25, 1910.) A winter wheat of second quality, coming from the same locality as the preceding (S. P. I. No. 27514); costs 2.80 rubles per pood in Batum. Recommended for the same localities as the preceding." (*Meyer.*)

27516. GLEDITSIA CASPICA Desf.

From Livadia, Crimea, Russia. "(No. 1262a, January 25, 1910.) A honey locust growing to be a tall tree, found along roads and in thickets, perhaps escaped. A good shade tree for the semi-arid sections of the United States where mild winters prevail." (*Meyer.*)

27517. GLEDITSIA CASPICA Desf.

From Nikita, Crimea, Russia. "(No. 1263a, January 24, 1910.) Collected from a tall tree in the Botanical Garden at Nikita. Recommended for the same localities as the preceding number (S. P. I. No. 27516)." (*Meyer.*)

27518. ALEURITES FORDII Hemsl.**China wood-oil tree.**

From China. Purchased from Messrs. L. C. Gillespie & Sons, New York, N. Y. Received April 7, 1910.

See S. P. I. No. 25081 for description.

27519. GREWIA CANA Sond.**"Kafir raisin."**

From Bloemhof District, Transvaal, South Africa. Presented by Prof. J. Burt Davy, Government agrostologist and botanist, Transvaal Department of Agriculture, Pretoria. Received April 9, 1910.

"This is a common bush of the southwestern Transvaal, about 4,000 feet altitude, subject to light frosts, growing to a height of 4 to 5 feet. It is generally found on outcrops of the dolomite limestone in districts having a rainfall of 20 inches in summer and with a winter drought lasting about six months. The berries are small, but produced in quantity; each contains a large stone, and the percentage of flesh