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onion is, as I was informed, that the seeds are sown in the fall in beds or in rows and the young plants left over winter in the open; during the following summer they make a strong growth and produce often five or six onions in a cluster. As Yelissavetpol is situated in a semiarid region, this onion ought to be valuable to settlers in the mild-wintered, semiarid regions of the United States. Obtained from Mr. K. A. Kees, seed dealer, in Tiflis." (*Meyer.*)

27664. CUCUMIS MELO L.**Muskmelon.**

From Tiflis, Caucasus, Russia. "(No. 1288a, Mar. 19, 1910.) Mixed varieties of native Caucasian muskmelons, among which there are said to be some very fine varieties. To be tested in semiarid regions. Purchased in Tiflis." (*Meyer.*)

27665. CUCUMIS SATIVUS L.**Cucumber.**

From Tiflis, Caucasus, Russia. "(No. 1289a, Mar. 19, 1910.) A native Caucasian variety of cucumber, half-long, of green color. Said to be a really good sort, worthy of introduction. To be tested in semiarid regions. Purchased in Tiflis." (*Meyer.*)

27666. SOLANUM MELONGENA L.**Eggplant.**

From Tiflis, Caucasus, Russia. "(No. 1290a, Mar. 19, 1910.) A native Caucasian variety of eggplant. The fruits are of a dark-purple color, elongated shape, and medium size. Considered to be a good sort. For trial in semiarid regions." (*Meyer.*)

27667. TILIA sp.

From Tiflis, Caucasus, Russia. "(No. 1293a, Mar. 22, 1910.) A beautiful native Caucasian shade tree, growing to be very old and of large dimensions. Of value as a park and avenue tree in the mild-wintered sections of the United States. See also No. 408 (S. P. I. No. 26892)." (*Meyer.*)

27668. HALIMODENDRON HALODENDRON (Pallas) Voss.

From Tiflis, Caucasus, Russia. "(No. 1294a, Mar. 14, 1910.) A very spiny shrub, native of the Caucasus, apparently very drought resistant. Suitable as an ornamental garden shrub and as a hedge plant in semiarid regions. Collected in the garden of the School for Horticulture in Tiflis." (*Meyer.*)

Distribution.—The species was described by Pallas from the vicinity of Irtysh River in Siberia and is now known to occur from the salt steppes of Transcaucasia to Dzungaria and the Altai region of southern Siberia.

27669. RHAMNUS PALLASII Fisch.

From Tiflis, Caucasus, Russia. "(No. 1295a, Mar. 22, 1910.) An ornamental deciduous shrub, growing on very dry and sterile places. Recommended for bank binding and as an ornamental garden shrub in semiarid, fairly mild-wintered regions. Obtained from the Botanical Garden in Tiflis." (*Meyer.*)

Distribution.—Russian and Turkish Armenia, and the Provinces of Azerbaijan and Ghilan in northwestern Persia.

27670. PYRUS NIVALIS ELAEAGRIFOLIA (Pall.) Schneider.

From Tiflis, Caucasus, Russia. "(No. 1296a, Mar. 22, 1910.) A shrubby, wild pear, occurring on very dry places, mainly in Eastern Caucasus. Recommended as a dwarfing stock for pears and as an ornamental garden shrub in regions where the winters are not too severe, but the summers hot and dry. Obtained from the Tiflis Botanical Garden." (*Meyer.*)

See No. 27134 for previous introduction.