

27801 to 27813—Continued.**27811. LEPIDIUM SATIVUM L.**

From Erivan, Caucasus, Russia. "(No. 1312a, Mar. 28, 1910.) A native vegetable called in the Tartar language 'Kodim,' apparently a broad-leaved variety of the garden cress. It is grown out in the open, on protected places, throughout the winter, and eaten raw as a salad with meats. Recommended as a winter green in the southern United States." (Meyer.)

27812. OCIMUM BASILICUM L.

From Erivan, Caucasus, Russia. "(No. 1313a, Mar. 28, 1910.) A Caucasian summer vegetable, called in the Tartar language 'Rahan.'" (Meyer.)

Distribution.—Probably native in the Punjab regions of India; generally cultivated as a pot herb.

27813. SATUREJA HORTENSIS L.

From Erivan, Caucasus, Russia. "(No. 1314a, Mar. 28, 1910.) A Caucasian summer vegetable, said to grow only a few inches high, called in the Tartar language 'Marza.'" (Meyer.)

Distribution.—The countries bordering on the Mediterranean; frequently cultivated in kitchen gardens.

27814 to 27829.

From Russia. Received through Mr. Frank N. Meyer, agricultural explorer, April 28, 1910.

Seeds of the following:

27814. CICER ARIETINUM L.**Chick-pea.**

From Tiflis, Caucasus, Russia. "(No. 1273a, Mar. 19, 1910.) A variety of chick-pea, said to come from the vicinity of Gori, central Caucasus. There are apparently several strains in this lot. These chick-peas remain somewhat hard, even after being boiled a long time. See note on No. 1259a (S. P. I. No. 27513)." (Meyer.)

27815. CICER ARIETINUM L.**Chick-pea.**

From Tiflis, Caucasus, Russia. "(No. 1274a, Mar. 19, 1910.) A variety of chick-pea, said to come from Cacheti, central Caucasus. Considered a finer variety than the preceding and becomes quite soft when boiled. See note on No. 1259a (S. P. I. No. 27513)." (Meyer.)

27816. LENS ESCULENTA Moench.**Lentil.**

From Tiflis, Caucasus, Russia. "(No. 1275a, Mar. 19, 1910.) This lentil is eaten by the natives boiled in soup, and although small, is said to have a much finer taste than the large ones. In America this legume may perhaps be of value as a fodder or cover plant in the semiarid sections." (Meyer.)

27817. PHASEOLUS COCCINEUS L.

From Tiflis, Caucasus, Russia. "(No. 1276a, Mar. 19, 1910.) A large white bean, said to grow in Kherson Government, southwest Russia, where the climate is warm and rather dry in summer. These beans are much eaten by Jewish residents in Russia. To be tried in the semiarid sections of the United States." (Meyer.)

27818. PHASEOLUS VULGARIS L.

From Tiflis, Caucasus, Russia. "(No. 1277a, Mar. 19, 1910.) A round, yellow bean, said to be early; comes from the Kherson Government, southwest Russia. To be tried in semiarid sections of the United States." (Meyer.)