

28278. MEDICAGO SATIVA L.**Alfalfa.**

From Pinchow, Shensi, China. Presented by Mr. Berthold Laufer, Peking, who procured them from Mr. Nelson, China Inland Mission, Pinchow. Received June 28, 1910.

"The young plants of this are much used for greens, and eaten by the people. For fodder it is nearly all used green. The Chinese do not dry much clover for hay. As a rule it is cut three times throughout the summer, not reckoning when they first pick the tender plants for greens. I think this variety will grow on most any kind of soil." (Nelson.)

28279 to 28285.

From Mexico. Presented by Dr. J. N. Rose, associate curator, U. S. National Museum, Washington, D. C. Received June 20, 1910.

Seeds of the following; notes by Dr. J. N. Rose:

28279 to 28282. CUCURBITA spp.

28279. From San Blas. Collected by Messrs. Rose, Standley, and Russell, in 1910. "A climbing vine; fruit nearly globular, yellow streaked with narrow bands of white, 3 inches long."

28280. From Culiacan. Collected by Messrs. Rose, Standley, and Russell. "A climbing vine; fruit globular or a little broader than long, streaked with alternating bands of yellow and white, 2½ inches long."

28281. From Mazatlan. Collected by Messrs. Rose, Standley, and Russell, April 4, 1910. "A climbing vine; fruit egg shaped, 4 inches long, dark green with yellowish markings."

28282. From Acaponeta. "A climbing vine; fruit oblong, 3½ inches long, lemon yellow, with narrow stripes of white."

28283. MALVAISCUS sp.

From Mazatlan. "Shrub or small tree 10 to 20 feet high with large cordate leaves. The scarlet flowers are very attractive and are followed by globular scarlet fruit. This tree is cultivated in patios at Mazatlan, and I would suggest trying these seeds in Florida and southern California. Only a few species of *Malvaiscus* are in cultivation, although most of the species are very attractive. I have been unable to identify the species, but it is a near relative of *Malvaiscus grandiflora*."

28284. MOMORDICA ZEYLANICA Mill.

From near Culiacan. Collected by Messrs. Rose, Standley, and Russell, in 1910. "A vine climbing to the height of 10 to 20 feet, forming a dense mass of foliage and producing an abundance of small orange-colored fruits which open, exposing the bright-scarlet seeds. More delicate and attractive than the other species in cultivation. A splendid climber for trellis work."

28285. TABEBUIA sp.

From Alamos. Collected by Messrs. Rose, Standley, and Russell, in 1910. "A tree 20 feet high. Produces an abundance of large yellow Catalpa-like flowers which appear before the leaves. The leaves are compound and somewhat like the horse-chestnut. It would be a desirable ornamental shrub or tree for the arid part of the Southwest. It is probably an undescribed species."