

30628 to 30671—Continued.**30663—Continued.**

Chinese Turkestan, being mostly used to tie bunches of vegetables and grapes. Recommended as a tying-material supplier in the vegetable garden and as a lining plant along flower or shrubbery beds in dry, alkaline sections. It is said to flower prettily in early summer with small, pale-blue flowers. Probably a variety of No. 29264." (*Meyer.*)

30664. ELYMUS DAHURICUS Turcz.**Wild rye.**

From Pustan Terek, Chinese Turkestan, altitude of 6,000 to 7,000 feet. "(No. 1565a, December 29, 1910.) A tall perennial rye-grass occurring on dry loess banks along a ravine. Apparently rare. The long strong stems of golden-yellow color could be used perhaps to make straw braid; also to sip cool drinks through. To be tested in the Rocky Mountain regions or farther west." (*Meyer.*)

Distribution.—Dry, stony places in the southern part of Siberia from Turkestan eastward to the region beyond Lake Baikal.

30665. AGROPYRON ACUTUM (DC.) Roem. and Schult.

From Pustan Terek, Chinese Turkestan. "(No. 1566a, December 29, 1910.) A tall grass, occurring intermixed with the preceding one. May possess value as a forage grass in dry mountainous regions." (*Meyer.*)

Distribution.—Considered to be a possible hybrid between *Agropyron repens* and *A. junceum*, growing throughout Europe and eastward to China.

30666. SESLEREA ARGENTEA Savi.

From near Gagri, Caucasus, Russia. "(No. 1567a, February 1, 1911.) Found on mountain slopes between boulders and washed-down earth. May possess value as a fodder grass in mild-winter regions." (*Meyer.*)

Distribution.—Southern Europe and western Asia, extending from Spain through Italy, the Balkan region, and Bulgaria to Asia Minor and the Caucasus region.

30667. CUCUMIS SATIVUS L.**Cucumber.**

From Yarkand, Chinese Turkestan. "(No. 1568a, November 7, 1910.) A local variety of cucumber, called *Badding*. Said to be small, whitish green, and early. To be tested under irrigation in the hot, arid sections of the United States." (*Meyer.*)

30668. CAPSICUM ANNUM L.**Red pepper.**

From Yarkand, Chinese Turkestan. "(No. 1569a, November 7, 1910.) A variety of chili pepper of very bright-orange color. Shape medium long, nose blunt, and slightly ribbed. Native name *Kizil mutch*. To be tested like the preceding number (No. 30667)." (*Meyer.*)

30669. OCYMUM BASILICUM L.**Sweet basil.**

From Yarkand, Chinese Turkestan. "(No. 1570a, November 7, 1910.) This is very much grown all through Asia as a garden plant. Occurring in many varieties. Small bunches of the basil are worn on the side of the head, tucked away beneath the headcloth. Some religious meaning seems to be attached to it. Of value as a flavoring herb in regions where it is too warm for mint or thyme." (*Meyer.*)

30670. HORDEUM sp.**Barley.**

From Yarkand, Chinese Turkestan. "(No. 1581a, December 19, 1910.) A hull-less barley of opaque white color, called *Galangatch arpa*." (*Meyer.*)