

30908. SONCHUS ARBOREUS (Brouss.) DC.

From Canary Islands. Presented by Dr. George V. Perez, Puerto Orotava, Teneriffe. Received May 19, 1911.

"Seed of a rare, herbaceous plant, which, like most of the Canary plants, ought to do well, I should say, in the climate of southern California, which is very much like ours. This is a very striking plant and grows over 6 feet high." (*Perez.*)

30909 and 30910.

From Moscow, Russia. Purchased from Immer & Sons. Received May 13, 1911.

Seeds of the following:

30909. HELIANTHUS ANNUUS L. **Sunflower.**

30910. TRIFOLIUM PRATENSE L. **Red clover.**

Perm.

30911. COLOCASIA sp. Taro.

From Cuba. Presented by Mr. Robt. M. Grey, director, Harvard Botanic Station, Belmonte, Cienfuegos, Cuba. Received May 15, 1911.

"Commonly cultivated here for culinary purposes." (*Grey.*)

"The tubers are slightly acid; the flesh cooks white or yellowish white, but it is rather moist and of poor flavor." (*R. A. Young.*)

30912 and 30913.

From Porto Rico. Presented by Dr. John Gifford, Coconut Grove, Fla. Received at the Subtropical Plant Introduction Garden, Miami, Fla., May 8, 1911.

30912. MAGNOLIA SPLENDENS Urban. **"Laurel sabino."**

"A first-class timber tree, 50 to 100 feet in height. Olive heartwood, changing after exposure to brownish. Fine grained and aromatic. White, sweet-scented flowers, 2 to 3½ inches in diameter. Leaves with silvery pubescence underneath, although not always pubescent.

"Next to asubo (*Sideroxylon mastichodendron* Jacq.), this is probably the most valuable timber tree on the reserve. Used wherever it is not too scarce and expensive for construction work in the form of beams and boards. Valuable for cabinet work. Still found in patches in the more inaccessible parts of the reserve. Flowers, leaves, and fragrance similar to *Magnolia glauca* of the southern United States. With its light-colored trunk, silvery foliage, and fragrant, showy flowers this tree is worthy of cultivation for ornamental purposes. It is probably called 'laurel' because its leaves are used as a condiment, as is the famous laurel (*Laurus nobilis* L.) of southern Europe, and 'sabino' because of the cedary aroma of its wood." (*Gifford, J. C. The Luquillo Forest Reserve, Porto Rico. Bulletin 54, Bureau of Forestry, U. S. Department of Agriculture, 1905, p. 35.*)

Plants.

30913. THESPESIA GRANDIFLORA DC. (?) **"Maga."**

"Rare in the Luquillo region. A thick-foliaged, very beautiful ornamental shade tree with large, pendant, reddish flowers. Yields a first-class, fine, hard, olive-brown timber. Its height varies from 30 to 60 feet." (*Gifford, J. C. The Luquillo Forest Reserve, Porto Rico. Bulletin 54, Bureau of Forestry, U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, p. 36.*)

Cuttings.