

**32885. CYMBOPOGON sp.****Lemon grass.**

From Douglas Dale, Jeolikote Post Office, United Provinces, India. Presented by the Superintendent, Kumaon Government Gardens, Mr. Norman Gill. Received February 28, 1912.

Procured for the experiments with oil-producing grasses being carried on by the Office of Drug-Plant Investigations.

Plants.

**32886. DIOSPYROS sp.****Persimmon.**

From Yokohama, Japan. Purchased from the Yokohama Nursery Co. Received February 28, 1912.

Cuttings.

**32890 and 32891. GLYCINE HISPIDA (Moench) Maxim.****Soy bean.**

From Blacksburg, Va. Grown by the Virginia Agricultural Experiment Station. Received February 27, 1912.

Seeds of the following; quoted notes by Mr. W. J. Morse:

**32890.** "*Duggar*. Grown under No. 17268C at the Virginia Experiment Station, Blacksburg, Va., 1911. A field mass selection at Arlington Experimental Farm in 1907 out of S. P. I. No. 17268, *Ito San*. An olive-yellow seeded variety of medium maturity found especially promising in Alabama and Virginia."

**32891.** "*Austin*. The progeny of S. P. I. No. 17263 grown under No. 17263 at Virginia Experiment Station, Blacksburg, Va., 1911; originally from S. P. I. No. 6397 from Pingyang, Korea. This variety was also distributed under Agrostology No. 1539. A late olive-yellow seeded variety found especially promising in Virginia, Tennessee, and southern Pennsylvania."

**32892. CAREX PHYSODES Bieb.**

From Peshy Kara Kum Desert, Turkestan. Presented by Mr. W. W. Mackie, Esperanza, Sonora, Mexico, through Mr. D. A. Brodie, Acting Agriculturist in Charge, Office of Farm Management, Bureau of Plant Industry. Received February 29, 1912.

"This carex grows abundantly on the loose desert sand of the Peshy Kara Kum Desert of southern Turkestan. It produces excellent feed for horses, camels, sheep, donkeys, etc., with less than 4 inches of rain per annum. It grows only on the loose sand. The soil expert would class this sand as medium. To protect itself from the elements when the roots are exposed by the winds each root and rootlet gathers about itself a layer of sand several times its diameter, holding it against considerable strain and wear." (*Mackie*.)

**32894 to 32900. PHOENIX DACTYLIFERA L.****Date.**

From the Siwa Oasis. Procured by Mr. George J. Salem, Cairo, Egypt. Received February 26, 1912.

Fruits of the following varieties; native names given by Mr. Salem; translations in parenthesis by Mr. Alexander Aaronsohn, Bureau of Plant Industry:

**32894.** *Frihy* (spirited).

**32895.** *Gazaly* (antelope). "This variety is not very productive, though its dates are marvelous in flavor, appearance, and power to keep long." (*Salem*.)