

**34317. TRITICUM AESTIVUM L.****Wheat.***(T. vulgare Vill.)*

From Italy. Presented by Mr. William W. Burt, American vice consul, Florence. Received September 10, 1912.

"Grown in the Pistoja district. The statement from the grower is that the crop this year has been poor both in quality and quantity, that the seed is sown in the latter part of October and the first part of November, and the wheat is gathered in the first part of July. This wheat was grown on a plain at 184 feet above sea level." (*Burt.*)

**34318 and 34319.**

From Manila, Philippine Islands. Presented by Mr. O. W. Barrett, chief, Division of Horticulture, Bureau of Agriculture. Received September 16, 1912.

**34318. ARECA CATECHU L.****Betel palm.**

*Distribution.*—A tall palm found in the damp, hot regions of Asia and eastward through the Malay Archipelago to the Philippines.

**34319. ORANIA REGALIS Blume.****Palm.**

"A rare palm of the Philippines, rather closely related, I believe, to the coconut, and which I believe would make an interesting greenhouse plant; it should also make a good ornamental for southern Florida, Porto Rico, and Cuba." (*Barrett.*)

See S. P. I. Nos. 3799 to 3801 for previous introduction.

**34320 to 34325.**

From Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic. Presented by Mr. Charles M. Hathaway, jr., American consul. Received September 9, 1912.

Seeds of the following; quoted notes by Mr. Hathaway:

**34320. ACHRAS ZAPOTA L.****Sapota.**

"The fruit is ellipsoid in shape, exterior dark russet, somewhat like mushrooms or fungi, interior deep crimson verging toward coral but darker. Its taste is sweet and spicy and hardly likely to appeal to the average American palate."

**34321 to 34325. ANNONA SQUAMOSA L.****Sweetsop.**

"The English-speaking islanders call this the 'sugar-apple.' It is, to my taste, a fine fruit."

"*Annona squamosa* L. is perhaps the most widely cultivated of all the custard-apples. It is essentially tropical, while the cherimoya (*Annona cherimola* Miller) is subtropical and will not flourish at sea level in hot countries. The fruit varies in quality, and, as in other fruits which have been cultivated for a long time, care should be taken in selecting the best varieties for asexual propagation. For this reason the seeds of the various fruits sent to the department have been kept distinct." (*W. E. Safford.*)

**34326 to 34328.**

From Nogent-sur-Marne (Seine), France. Presented by Mr. E. Prudhomme, director, Colonial Garden. Received September 19, 1912.

**34326. CYMBOPOGON SCHOENANTHUS (L.) Spreng.****Ginger grass.***(Andropogon schoenanthus L.)*

See S. P. I. No. 29456 for description.