

34326 to 34328—Continued.**34327.** PIPER CUBEBA L. f.**Cubeb pepper.**

"The cubebs of commerce, which are of importance chiefly in medicine, are the berries of a species of pepper vine, easily distinguished from the ordinary pepper by the stalked and larger berries, or 'corns.' The plant is a native of Java, Sumatra, etc., and thrives under similar conditions as pepper, requiring live or artificial supports and a certain amount of shade. The world's supply of cubebs is obtained chiefly from Java, where the plant is cultivated. The plants are best propagated by cuttings taken from among the top or fruitful shoots, such plants being more productive than those taken from near the base." (*Macmillan, Handbook of Tropical Gardening.*)

Distribution.—A climbing shrub found in Java and other islands of the Malay Archipelago.

34328. PIPER CHABA Hunter.

Distribution.—Commonly cultivated in India and the Malay Archipelago.

34329. SECALE CEREALE L.**Rye.**

From Wronow, Koschmin, Posen, Germany. Presented by Saatzuchtwirtschaft Fritz Claassen. Received September 12, 1912.

Original R. von Rümker winter rye No. 2.

34330. BARYXYLUM INERME (Roxb.) Pierre.

(*Peltophorum ferrugineum* Benth.)

From Manila, Philippine Islands. Presented by Mr. E. D. Merrill, botanist, Bureau of Science. Received September 21, 1912.

"This tree is a native of the Philippines and is one of the best shade trees that we have. It is evergreen and bears large terminal panicles of very showy yellow flowers. The species is of wide distribution in the Malayan region, and in the Philippines grows in nature near the seashore. It will certainly thrive in Cuba, Porto Rico, and Panama, and probably in southern Florida and in southern California. There is an excellent colored figure of it in the third edition of Blanco's "Flora de Filipinas." (*Merrill, in letter of August 20, 1912.*)

Distribution.—A tall, unarmed tree found in Ceylon and eastward through the Malay Archipelago to northern Australia.

34331 to 34333. CUCUMIS MELO L.**Muskmelon.**

From Soochow, China. Presented by Mr. N. Gist Gee. Received September 23, 1912.

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

34331. "Round, green melon. Very nice."

34332. "Yellow-and-white striped melon, 6 to 8 inches in length."

34333. "Small white melon, sweet, 4 to 5 inches in length."

34334. RUBUS LASIOCARPUS Smith.**Raspberry.**

From India. Presented by Mr. John W. B. Field, Castlemaine, Victoria, Australia. Received September 9, 1912.

See S. P. I. No. 32453 for description.