

35910. CASSIA BEAREANA Holmes.

From Inhamban, Portuguese East Africa. Presented by Rev. Pliny W. Keys, superintendent, Limpopo District Methodist Episcopal Mission. Received August 5, 1913.

See S. P. I. No. 34367 for previous introduction.

35911. PHOENIX DACTYLIFERA L.**Date.**

From Algiers, Algeria. Purchased from Mr. Yakia Ben Kassem. Received at Indio, Cal., by Mr. Bruce Drummond, August 4, 1913.

"*Tazizoot*. A soft date from the M'Zab region of the Algerian Sahara. The fruit ripens rather early. It is of excellent flavor, resembling that of the Tedalla variety, but is mealier and drier." (*W. T. Swingle*.)

35912 to 35915. PISUM SATIVUM L.**Pea.**

From Budapest, Hungary. Presented by Mr. F. E. Mallett, American vice consul general. Received July 14, 1913.

Quoted notes by Mr. Mallett.

35912. "(No. 1.) Green."

35914. "(No. 3.) Cream."

35913. "(No. 2.) Orange."

35915. "(No. 4.) Light green."

"The above varieties are used as split peas."

35916 and 35917.

From Seoul, Chosen (Korea). Presented by Rev. H. Loomis, American Bible Society, Yokohama, Japan, who secured them from Mr. O. Saito, of the Agricultural, Commercial, and Industrial Department of the Government General. Received August 5, 1913.

35916. PINUS BUNGEANA Zucc.**Pine.**

"A tree sometimes forming a rounded, bushy head, but frequently branching near the ground and forming several stems, which grow erect to a height occasionally of 80 to 100 feet. The bark is smooth and peels off the trunk like that of the plane; in young specimens it is brown, but in old ones becomes quite white and gives to this pine its most remarkable character. Young shoots perfectly smooth, shining, greyish green. Leaves in threes, persisting four or five years, about 3 inches long, two edged, stiff, sharply pointed, bright green, very minutely toothed, marked all round with faint stomatic lines; leaf sheath one-half to three-fourths inch long, soon falling. Cones 2 to 2½ inches long, 1¼ to 1½ inches wide, shortly stalked, the scales terminated by decurved, triangular spines; seeds one-third inch long, without wings.

"Native of China, first seen by Dr. Bunge in 1831 in the environs of Peking, where it has been largely planted for the sake of its remarkable white trunk; introduced by Fortune in 1848. It has lately been seen in quantity by Wilson in central China. It is distinct from all other 3-leaved pines, except *P. gerardiana*, in the deciduous leaf sheaths. It succeeds very well at Kew, where there are trees approaching 30 feet in height, not yet, however, showing the white bark. This is said not to appear, even in China, until the trees are 50 years old." (*W. J. Bean, Trees and Shrubs Hardy in the British Isles, vol. 2, pp. 175-176.*)

35917. CASTANEA sp.**Chestnut.**

"These chestnuts are of a variety that is free from any injury by insects, is very sweet, has a loose husk to the kernel, and seems to me to be of great importance because of its healthfulness." (*Loomis*.)