

36993. ALEURITES FORDII Hemsley.**Tung tree.**

From Hongkong, China. Presented by Mr. George E. Anderson, consul general. Received January 12, 1914.

"Wood-oil nuts from Yingtak, Kwangtung Province, China, which were brought to this office by Mr. M. P. Roach, of this city." (*Anderson.*)

36994 and 36995.

From Saigon, Cochin China. Presented by Mr. P. Morange. Received January 14, 1914.

36994. COIX LACRYMA-JOBI L.**Job's-tears.**

"This is the only variety existing in Cochin China." (*Morange.*)

36995. FERONIELLA OBLATA Swingle.

"Spiny tree, 25 to 65 feet high, native to Cambodia and Cochin China; leaves odd-pinnate, three to four pairs; leaflets covered with small whitish hairs, especially when young, pellucid-punctate, oval or obovate, crenulate when young, often emarginate, with a very short petiole; rachis pubescent; flowers in many-flowered panicles, white, very fragrant, usually five parted, with lanceolate pointed petals; stamens four times the number of the petals, anthers large, oval, filaments joined together at the base by the woolly pubescence of the appendices occurring on their inner side; flowers borne in clusters of 3 or 4, flattened spheroid. This species occurs commonly in the forests of Cambodia and is sometimes cultivated by the natives for its flowers which, when young, have a pronounced orange odor and are used as a condiment in sauces." (*W. T. Swingle. In Bailey, Standard Cyclopedia of Horticulture, vol. 3, p. 1219, 1915.*)

36996. ZEA MAYS L.**Corn.**

From Pago Pago, American Samoa. Presented by Commander C. D. Stearns, Governor of American Samoa. Received January 8, 1914.

"An ear of corn raised in American Samoa. The name of the corn is not known, and it was raised quite by accident, a woman having planted a few seeds." (*Stearns.*)

36997. SOLANUM TUBEROSUM L.**Potato.**

From Bogota, Colombia. Presented by Señor J. M. Vargas Vergara, Ministro de Obras Publicas. Received January 9, 1914.

"Seed potatoes which I have received from the region of Pamplona, Department of Santander. While the sample referred to is not precisely that which you desired, since it is not a native potato, and it has been cultivated, I believe, notwithstanding, that it will be of interest to you and I am quoting below the information given me by the prefect of the Province of Pamplona: 'The potato which is sent to-day is known as *papa montañera* and is cultivated in clayey earth at an altitude of 2,000 meters above the level of the sea at a temperature of 18° C.

"There is a current story that a hunter found in the mountains of this country a plant called potato; he transplanted it into his garden, from which the cultivation has spread and reached to-day a point where considerable numbers are cultivated.'

"It is said that this potato resists very well the shipment to warm countries and keeps well in condition for eating for several months. My attention was called to the excellent condition in which the sample arrived with reference to this last observation, and, moreover, the complete absence of disease and insects, which invariably attack the tubers in other localities." (*Vargas Vergara.*)