

36998 to 37001.

From Erfurt, Germany. Purchased from Haage & Schmidt. Received January 7, 1914. For the experiments of the Office of Forage-Crop Investigations.

36998 to 37000. *HOLCUS SORGHUM* L.

Sorghum.

(*Sorghum vulgare* Pers.)

36998. Black.

37000. Brown.

36999. White.

37001. *HOLCUS HALEPENSIS* L.

Johnson grass.

(*Sorghum halepensis* Pers.)

37002 and 37003. PHASEOLUS ANGULARIS (Willd.) Wight.

Adzuki bean.

From Wakamatsu, Iwashiro, Japan. Presented by Rev. Christopher Noss. Received January 5, 1914.

"The adzuki used in this region seems to be identical with the sample you sent me [S. P. I. No. 17851]. I found only one other sort, the white.

"The Japanese use the adzuki in two ways. They boil them soft and mix them with boiled rice and salt, making a mass called *akameshi* (red food), which is used particularly on certain festive occasions. They also use them in confections, boiling them very soft, straining through a cloth and mixing with sugar in various ways. There is also an adzuki flour, which is used to make the same confections, but is considered less delicious, though more convenient. I should have said that in making the ordinary *an* the boiled adzuki are put through a sieve to remove the hulls and then put into a bag and squeezed to remove the excess of moisture. Brown sugars are commonly employed. One variety, *yokan*, is made by adding *kanten* [isinglass, a gelatine made from seaweed] to the *an*." (Noss.)

37002. Common adzuki.

37003. Yellow adzuki.

37004 and 37005.

From Peking, China. Collected by Mr. Frank N. Meyer, Agricultural Explorer for the Department of Agriculture. Received at the Plant Introduction Field Station, Chico, Cal., January 3, 1914. Received here January 8, 1914.

Cuttings of the following; quoted notes by Mr. Meyer.

37004. *FORSYTHIA SUSPENS*A (Thunb.) Vahl.

"(No. 1044. December 1, 1913.) A variety of golden bell with flowers apparently larger than the ordinary sort commonly found in European and American gardens. Very resistant to drought and able to stand a fair amount of alkali in the soil. Of special value to the drier sections of the United States. Chinese name *Huang shou tan*."

37005. *VIBURNUM FRAGRANS* Bunge.

"(No. 1045. December 1, 1913.) A viburnum, flowering in spring before the leaves have fully come out, bearing fragrant white flowers, carried erect as round panicles. Somewhat stiff in outlines. Able to withstand drought and alkali to a fair degree. Of value in the drier sections of the United States. Chinese name *T'an ch'un*."