

"This species of *Pringlea* is exceedingly abundant over all of the Falkland Islands, ascending the hills up to 1,400 feet, but only attaining its usual large size close to the sea, where it is invariably the first plant to greet the voyager. Its rhizomata, often 3 or 4 feet long, lie along the ground; they are sometimes 2 inches in diameter, full of spongy and fibrous substances intermixed, of a half-woody texture, with the flavor of horse-radish, and bear at the extremity large heads of leaves, sometimes 18 inches across, so like those of the common cabbage that if growing in a garden with their namesake they would not excite any particular attention. The outer leaves are coarse, loosely placed, and spreading; the inner form a dense white heart that tastes like mustard and cress, but much coarser. The whole foliage abounds with essential oil of pale-yellow color, highly pungent, confined in vessels that run parallel with the veins of the leaf, and which are very conspicuous on making a transverse section of the head." (*Hooker, Flora Antarctica, p. 240.*)

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From Sianfu, Shensi, China. Collected by Mr. Frank N. Meyer, Agricultural Explorer for the Department of Agriculture. Received at the Plant Introduction Field Station, Chico, Cal., March 4, 1914.

Rooted cuttings; quoted notes by Mr. Meyer.

37555. *PHYLLOSTACHYS PUBERULA NIGRA* (Lodd.) Houzeau. **Bamboo.**
(*Phyllostachys nigra* Munro.)

"(No. 1073. January 10, 1914.) A bamboo having black canes, growing from 15 to 20 feet high. Of very pleasing appearance when planted against a wall and care is taken that the plantation does not become too dense. Chinese name *Mei chu chih.*"

37556. *BAMBOS* sp. **Bamboo.**

"(No. 1074. January 10, 1914.) A bamboo, growing only 1 to 3 feet high, having fairly broad leaves and but thin stems. It seems to like a situation where the soil does not become too dry. Of special value as a bank binder and a ground cover plant for the mild-wintered sections of the United States. Chinese name *Lo han chu chih.*"

37557. *OPHIPOGON JAPONICUS* (L. f.) Ker-Gawler.

From Rome, Italy. Presented by Dr. Gustav Eisen. Received March 16, 1914.

"Seeds of a liliaceous plant, used extensively to form carpets or lawns under the trees or in the open; requires no cutting, as it never grows higher than 4 or 5 inches. If planted closely it makes a very fine lawn, which requires little watering and which does well in the shade. The berries resemble those of *Convallaria* and are of a splendid sky blue, looking like beads made of lapis lazuli." (*Eisen.*)

37558. *CHAENOMELES LAGENARIA CATHAYENSIS* (Hemsl.) Rehder.

(*Cydonia cathayensis* Hemsl.) **Quince.**

From Peking, China. Collected by Mr. Frank N. Meyer, Agricultural Explorer for the Department of Agriculture. Received March 13, 1914.

Seeds taken from a sample fruit sent in by Mr. Meyer, November 1, 1913.