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home production is not sufficient to meet the demands, and regular imports are made, varying in accordance with the crop obtained.

"The two principal varieties of rice cultivated on the banks of the Ebro River, in this particular consular district, are commonly known as Benlloch and Bomba; the latter variety is also grown in the Balearic Islands.

"Rice sowing in this district takes place about the end of March and the beginning of April. The harvesting season begins in the latter part of August and continues into early September, under normal weather conditions. A considerable portion of the labor is done by peasants from Valencia, who go to the Tarragona rice fields during the sowing and harvesting seasons.

"An authority states that the cost of planting, preparing the land, transportation to warehouse, drying, rent of land, thrashing, wages, and incidental expenses, aggregate \$123.10 for an acre producing 50 hectoliters (141.88 bushels) of unshelled rice, which is sold at \$2.70 per hectoliter (2.83 bushels), making a gross profit of \$135 and a net earning of \$11.90 for each 50 hectoliters of rice obtained. For sown rice, which is the method principally resorted to in Spain on account of larger profits, the outlays would approximate \$90.90, and the yield would come to 44 hectoliters (124.86 bushels) of unshelled rice. In the latter instance the net profits would, therefore, amount to \$27.90." (*Report, February 18, 1914.*)

37696. "*Bomba.*"

"The ruling wholesale prices, which are subject to considerable fluctuation, run at present as follows: Shelled, \$11.20 to \$13.70 per 100 kilograms; unshelled, \$6.50 to \$7.20 per 100 kilograms."

37697. "*Benlloch.*"

"The ruling wholesale prices, which are subject to considerable fluctuation, run at present as follows: Shelled, \$6.85 to \$7.75 per 100 kilograms (220 pounds); unshelled, \$4.70 per 100 kilograms."

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37698. HIBISCUS SABDARIFFA L. Malvaceæ.**Roselle.**

"*Temprano* roselle. A variety that has originated at this station as a sport from *Victor*. The *Temprano* is less vigorous than its progenitor, but has the merit of being 20 days earlier, and if it retains this characteristic in the United States, it should become of considerable value."

37699. BOTOR TETRAGONOLOBA (L.) Kuntze. Fabaceæ. **Winged bean.**
(*Psophocarpus tetragonolobus* DC.)

"*Seguidilla*. Climbing beans with 4-winged pods, which, used as string beans when they are tender, are of excellent quality. They should be of great value in Porto Rico and Panama, but the soil is too poor in Florida. I tried them for two seasons in Miami, Fla., but they were not a success. The seed should be planted in April or May. The plant does best in rich, rather moist, but well-drained land."

37700. CUCUMIS SATIVUS L. Cucurbitaceæ.**Cucumber.**

"*India* cucumber. A cucumber especially adapted to the Tropics, introduced from India.