

# INVENTORY OF SEEDS AND PLANTS IMPORTED BY THE OFFICE OF FOREIGN SEED AND PLANT INTRODUCTION DURING THE PERIOD FROM OC- TOBER 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 1914 (NO. 41; NOS. 39309 TO 39681).

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## INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT.

Although a small one, this inventory contains descriptions of some very interesting new material.

A low-growing creeping legume (*Dolichos hosei*, the Sarawak bean), which keeps down the weeds successfully in rubber plantations in the Malay States and should be of value in citrus orchards in Florida (S. P. I. No. 39335), and a wild prostrate form of alfalfa from the mountains between Hotien, Honan, and Luanfu, Shansi, China, will interest those experimenting with forage and cover crops (S. P. I. No. 39426).

The *Rosa odorata gigantea* (S. P. I. No. 39593), a giant among the roses from the Himalayas, with white flowers 6 inches across and a more rampant growth than the Cherokee rose and which has already shown that it will cross on other roses, ought to open the way for a new race of climbing roses in the South.

Eight varieties of sweet potato from the Cuba Experiment Station (S. P. I. Nos. 39610 to 39617), among them a prize winner of the Camaguey exhibition, will be wanted for trial by southern stations, and the wild tomato of Funchal (S. P. I. No. 39362), introduced by Mr. Gable from the driest rocky locations on the island of Madeira, where it grows wild and is believed to be from the original stock from which the cultivated tomato has sprung, will probably interest tomato breeders because of its drought-resistant qualities.

An unusually large collection of Chinese barleys, 38 varieties (S. P. I. Nos. 39494 to 39531), presented by the special envoy for foreign affairs, through the United States consul general at Shanghai, may yield good new varieties for some sections of this country.

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NOTE.—This bulletin is a record of new or little-known seeds or plants procured mostly from abroad. It is intended for distribution to agricultural experiment stations and the more important private cooperators.