

39897 to 39924—Continued. (Quoted notes by Mr. F. N. Meyer.)

39924. *POPULUS SIMONII* Carrière. Salicaceæ. Poplar.

"(No. 1250. Near Chenyatan (near Titao), Kansu, China. December 1, 1914.) A variety of Chinese poplar, the trunk of which is remarkably warty, while the wood seems to be curled, as in bird's-eye maple. Collected on sandy land at an altitude of 8,000 feet. For specialists in figured woods."

39925. *CANAVALI GLADIATUM* (Jacq.) DC. Fabaceæ.

Sword bean.

From Changning, Kiangsu, via Swatow, China. Presented by Rev. C. E. Bousfield, American Baptist Mission. Received February 23, 1915.

39926. *ANGRAECUM FRAGRANS* Thouars. Orchidaceæ.

From Curepipe, Mauritius. Presented by Mr. A. D. de Grandpré. Received February 17, 1915.

The interest attached to this little orchid is due to the persistent vanillalike odor of the leaves when dry, which has led to its use as a tea in Bourbon, in Mauritius, and even to some extent in France. According to a notice of an article on this plant by a M. Goble, in the *Gardeners' Chronicle* (1850, p. 599), communicated to the *Chemical Gazette*, it is considered a digestive and even recommended in diseases of the respiratory organs. The popular name is variously spelled Fahame, Faham, Fahan, Fahon, Fahum, and Faam, of the origin of which I have no information. It is a native of both Bourbon and Mauritius. Leaves few, toward the top of the stem, 3 to 4 inches long by one-half to three-fourths inch broad. Flowers solitary, axillary, 2 inches in diameter across the sepals, pure white, fragrant. (Adapted from *Curtis's Botanical Magazine*, pl. 7161.)

39927. *MANISURIS EXALTATA* (L. f.) Kuntze. Poaceæ.

(*Rottboellia exaltata* L. f.)

From Poona, Bombay, India. Presented by Mr. W. Burns, economic botanist, Agricultural College. Received February 20, 1915.

"Seeds from my herbarium specimens." (*Burns*.)

Introduced for the work of the Office of Forage-Crop Investigations.

39928 and 39929.

From Lawang, Java. Presented by Mr. M. Buysman, Botanic Garden. Received February 23, 1915.

39928. *CANANGIUM ODORATUM* (Lam.) Baillon. Annonaceæ.

(*Cananga odorata* Hook. f. and Thoms.) Ylang-ylang.

For previous introductions and descriptions, see S. P. I. Nos. 20908, 35243, and 38652.

39929. *THUNBERGIA GIBSONI* S. Moore. Acanthaceæ.

"A very fine climbing new species from east tropical Africa, with very intense, large, fiery orange flowers." (*Buysman*.)

See S. P. I. No. 39626 for previous introduction and description.