

INVENTORY OF SEEDS AND PLANTS IMPORTED
BY THE OFFICE OF FOREIGN SEED AND PLANT
INTRODUCTION DURING THE PERIOD FROM OC-
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41315 TO 41684).

INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT.

Although this inventory chronicles the arrival of only 370 new plant immigrants, it describes some that are of unusual interest and deserving of special mention. It covers certain plants of the high Peruvian Andes collected by Mr. O. F. Cook while attached to the Yale University-National Geographic Society Expedition. These include a remarkable wild relative of the tomato (No. 41318), which has a pleasant, slightly acid flavor, resembling that of an apple, and remarkable keeping qualities which may make it of particular interest to tomato breeders; one of the Mutisias (No. 41317), a large trailing composite vine worthy of trial in our greenhouses for its beautiful orange to scarlet pendent flowers, which suggest thistles; a passion fruit (No. 41316), the pulp of which separates from the hard shell, making it possible to peel the shell away; the tara (*Caesalpinia pectinata*, No. 41323), a spiny leguminous tree or shrub which may make a striking hedge plant in our Southwestern States, its bright scarlet pods contrasting with its deep polished-green leaves as holly berries do; the tasta (No. 41324), a fine-leaved shrubby Escallonia, which may make a desirable hedge plant as far north as San Francisco; the lengli (*Hesperomeles oblonga*, No. 41325), an attractive tree with evergreen leaves and brilliant red fruits, hanging on all winter like holly berries; the capuli cherry of Peru (*Prunus salicifolia*, No. 41328), from an altitude of 12,000 feet, which resembles a chokeberry but has a firm flesh of good texture and agreeable taste; a variety of the sweet cassava (*Manihot dulcis*, No. 41320), which species, according to Cook, is represented by varieties maturing at 6,000 feet on the eastern slopes of the Andes and in the cold cloudy coastal climate of the Pacific coast; a species of tree (*Datura sanguinea*, No. 41329), with green, orange, and scarlet flowers, which occurs where heavy frosts are encountered every night; the lucuma of Peru (No. 41332), a popular fruit with rich mealy