

**41473. MEIBOMIA PURPUREA (Mill.) Vail. Fabaceæ.***(Desmodium incanum DC.)*

From Joinville, Brazil. Presented by Mr. Jean Knatz. Received November 8, 1915.

"I received this seed from a place on the near plateau, at an altitude of 2,500 feet, where the temperature goes down a few degrees below freezing point every winter." (*Knatz.*)

**41474. DOCYNIA DELAVAYI (Franch.) Schneider. Malaceæ.****Wild pear.**

From Yunnanfu, China. Presented by Father Ducloux, Yunnanfu Catholic Mission, through the acting Commissioner of Customs, Mengtsh, China. Received November 6, 1915.

"The tree is not often found in the regions around Yunnanfu." (*Ducloux.*)

These cuttings were sent in response to our request for a *Pyrus*, which Dr. Augustine Henry described in a letter some years ago, with fruits as large as an apple and edible. There are four ovules in each locule, yet it is rather an apple than a quince. It is not a good fruit as it stands, but it has not been cultivated by the Chinese, and its possibilities are unknown. It is called *to-i*.

**41475. PRUNUS SERRULATA SACHALINENSIS (Schmidt) Makino.***(Prunus sargentii Rehder.) Amygdalaceæ. Sargent's cherry.*

From New Haven, Conn. Purchased from the Elm City Nursery Co. Received November 6, 1915.

One-year-old seedlings raised from seed obtained from the Arnold Arboretum. To be used in the cherry-stock investigations by Department officials.

**41476. PAEONIA MLOKOSEWITSCHI Lomakin. Ranunculaceæ. Peony.**

Seeds from Tiflis, Caucasus, Russia. Presented by Mr. A. Rolloff, director, Botanic Garden. Received November 10, 1915.

"This, the most handsome of the yellow-flowered peonies, thrives under the treatment suitable for the other forms belonging to the herbaceous section of the genus, and appears as hardy and as satisfactory under cultivation as they have proved. The glaucous leaves with their red veins and margins contrast sufficiently with the more purely green leaves of *P. wittmanniana* to attract attention, and it is certain to become a favourite with gardeners. The fine sulphur-yellow flowers are more striking than the whitish yellow blooms of *P. wittmanniana*. *Paeonia mlokosewitschii* was discovered by Mlokosewitsch near Lagodekhi in the eastern part of the central Caucasus." (*Curtis's Botanical Magazine, pl. 8173, 1908.*)

**41477. CORDEAUXIA EDULIS Hemsl. Cæsalpiniaceæ. Yeheb nut.**

Seeds from Aden, Arabia. Presented by Mr. A. G. Watson, American vice consul, who obtained them from the governor of Italian Somaliland at Magadoxo. Received November 13, 1915.

An arid-land legume used as famine food by the Somalis.

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