

"Hardly any of the peaches to be found in the markets here are grown in this district, being brought from the outside. This is a mixed lot of seed obtained from a seed house here." (*Grout.*)

41499. DIPSACUS FULLONUM L. Dipsacaceæ. Teasel.

Seeds from Marseille, France. Presented by Mr. A. Gaulin, American consul general. Received November 23, 1915.

"Seeds of the best variety of teasel grown in the Avignon and Department of Vaucluse region. This sample was obtained from Messrs. G. and E. Duckers, of Gavaillon, Vaucluse." (*Gaulin.*)

41500. SPATHODEA CAMPANULATA Beauv. Bignoniaceæ.

Seeds from Buitenzorg, Java. Presented by Dr. J. C. Koningsberger, director, Botanic Gardens. Received November 23, 1915.

See S. P. I. Nos. 31953 and 39415 for previous introductions.

41501. MIMUSOPS ELENGI L. Sapotaceæ. Munamal.

Seeds from Lawang, Java. Presented by Mr. M. Buysman, Jardin Botanique. Received November 27, 1915.

"A large evergreen tree, with glossy, oval, fleshy leaves. The wood is good for cabinetmaking, joinery, and turning. The fruit, which is shaped like an olive, is eaten, but its flavor is not very agreeable. The odorous flowers, which possess astringent and tonic properties, serve for the preparation of a perfume; the red, woody, fibrous bark is astringent and is used as a gargle for salivation. The fruit and seeds furnish an oil for burning. The root is astringent." (*Lanessan, Les Plantes Utiles des Colonies Française.*)

See S. P. I. No. 30957 and 37726 for previous introduction.

41502. ARBUTUS UNEDO L. Ericaceæ. Strawberry tree.

Seeds from Sacramento, Cal. Presented by Mr. W. Vortriede, Capitol building and grounds. Received December 1, 1915.

"An evergreen tree, from 15 to 30 feet high, occasionally 40 feet in its native districts in Ireland, but nearly always a wide-topped shrub under cultivation; young shoots glandular hairy. Leaves smooth, 2 to 4 inches long, dark shining green. Flowers produced from October to December in drooping panicles 2 inches long and wide. Corolla white or pinkish, pitcher shaped, one-fourth inch long. Fruit globose, strawberrylike, three-fourths inch across, orange red, rough on the surface. It ripens during the autumn following the production of the flowers, at the same time as the succeeding crop of blossoms. Native of the Mediterranean region and southwestern Ireland, especially on the islands and shores of the Lakes of Killarney, where it attains its largest dimensions. (Adapted from *W. J. Bean, Trees and Shrubs Hardy in the British Isles, vol. 1, p. 203.*)

41503. ELAEOCARPUS sp. Elæocarpaceæ.

Seeds from Kamerunga, via Cairns, Australia. Presented by Mr. J. A. Hamilton. Received October 18, 1915.

"Native edible nut."