

44247 to 44249—Continued.**44248.** ALLIUM SATIVUM L. Liliaceæ.

Garlic.

“(No. 138b. Ansuhsien, Chihli Province, China, January 18, 1917.) *Suan*. Bulbs of the first-quality Chinese garlic, extensively used by the people raw, boiled, and pickled as health promoters. They are said to prevent ptomaine poisoning through the action of the strong antiseptic oil they contain. These bulbs sell locally at two for 1 cent (Mex.)” (*Meyer*.)

44249. CHAENOMELES LAGENARIA CATHAYENSIS (Hemsl.) Rehder. Mala-
(*Cydonia cathayensis* Hemsl.) [ceræ. Chinese quince.

“(No. 139b. Peking, China, January 27, 1917.) *Mu kwa*, meaning ‘wooden gourd,’ the shape suggesting to the Chinese a gourd. The Chinese quince is much used in winter as a room perfumer by the better class of Chinese. These fruits are said to have come from Anhwei Province. Plants raised from the seeds should be tested as a stock for pears and loquats. Experiments might be made also concerning its susceptibility to blight.” (*Meyer*.)

44250. MYRIANTHUS ARBOREUS Beauv. Moraceæ.

From Loanda, Angola, Africa. Presented by Mr. J. Gossweiler. Received March 6, 1917.

A tree, native of tropical Africa, with large entire or three to five lobed leaves with prominent stipules. The male flowers are borne on thick, branching receptacles, and the female flowers appear in solitary headlike inflorescences. The fleshy fruits are edible. (Adapted from A. Engler, *Die Pflanzenwelt Ost-Africas, part C, p. 162.*)

44251 and 44252.

From Bogota, Colombia. Presented by Mr. George E. Child. Received March 12, 1917.

44251. ANNONA CHERIMOLA Mill. Annonaceæ.

Cherimoya.

“It is always worth while to test new strains of the cherimoya, particularly when they are obtained from high altitudes, as this one appears to be. The aim of subtropical horticulturists at the present time is to secure a variety which will be reasonably hardy and prolific in bearing, with a fruit of good quality. To this end we need to plant seed from all parts of tropical America where the cherimoya is grown.” (*Popenoe*.)

44252. PERSEA AMERICANA Mill. Laurææ.

Avocado.

(*P. gratissima* Gaertn. f.)

“The avocados of Colombia are scarcely known in the United States. A few fruits of the West Indian race have reached the markets of New York from Colombian ports, but we know very little regarding the races or varieties of the highlands. Some very remarkable young seedlings have been grown in Florida from seed of Colombian origin. It is possible that we shall obtain from that country new races or varieties of considerable value.” (*Popenoe*.)

44253 to 44266. AMYGDALUS spp. Amygdalaceæ.

Peach.

From China. Procured from Mr. Thomas Sammons, American consul general, Shanghai. Received March 12, 1917.

“Seeds procured in the region of Kiangyin, Kiangsu Province, by the agent of the Rev. Lacy L. Little. The following directions for the planting and