

44691 to 44698—Continued.**44695. LATHYRUS SYLVESTRIS L.****Flat pea.**

A straggling or climbing European perennial, 3 to 5 feet in length, with a stout, winged stem and a creeping rootstock. It has thick, linear-lanceolate leaflets, rose-colored flowers half an inch long with the wings purple at the summit, and lance-shaped pods 2 to 3 inches long. As an ornamental it is inferior to other perennials, but it grows well on poor, sandy soil, will stand severe frosts and droughts, and is useful as a forage plant and for plowing under in a green state as a fertilizer. (Adapted from *Bailey, Standard Cyclopedia of Horticulture, vol. 4, p. 1825.*)

Received as *Lathyrus variegatus* Gilib., which is now referred to *L. sylvestris*.

44696. PHALARIS BULBOSA Juslen. Poaceæ.**Canary grass.**

A perennial tufted grass, with shiny leaves about two-fifths of an inch wide and roots penetrating the soil to a depth of nearly 3 feet; it is native to the Mediterranean countries. It is now cultivated in New South Wales, Australia, where it appears to be an excellent permanent winter grass for coastal and tableland districts. Owing to its deep roots it can endure a considerable amount of drought. Seeds are borne very sparsely on short stems thrown up from the center of the crown. (Adapted from *Ascherson and Graebner, Synopsis der Mitteleuropäischen Flora, vol. 2, p. 17*, and from the *Agricultural Gazette of New South Wales, November 2, 1916.*)

Received as *Phalaris tuberosa* L., but Juslenius's name is earlier.

44697. PHALARIS PARADOXA L. Poaceæ.**Canary grass.**

An erect annual grass, 2½ feet high, often branched from the lower joints, with rough leaves 3 to 7½ inches long and one-sixteenth of an inch wide, and flower panicles appearing as though gnawed below. It is native to the Mediterranean countries and has been introduced into California. (Adapted from *W. L. Jepson, Flora of Western Middle California, p. 35.*)

44698. PHLEUM ARENARIUM L. Poaceæ.**Grass.**

An annual, tufted, erect, or ascending grass, up to a foot in height, with smooth leaves about an inch long and one-sixteenth of an inch wide. It is native to Europe and the northern coast of Africa. (Adapted from *Ascherson and Graebner, Synopsis der Mitteleuropäischen Flora, vol. 2, p. 149.*)

44699. × RIBES ROBUSTUM Jancz. Grossulariaceæ. Gooseberry.

From Kew, England. Cuttings presented by Sir David Prain, director, Royal Botanic Gardens. Received April 26, 1917.

This hybrid (*R. niveum* × *hirtellum*) is intermediate between the parents. It is a spiny, vigorous shrub, with white or pinkish flowers and black fruits. It was originally received at Kew from the gardener of the King of Denmark, but is of unknown origin. (Adapted from *Bailey, Standard Cyclopedia of Horticulture, vol. 5, p. 2964.*)