

The clovers represent a group of such great agricultural importance that a new species like the one introduced from Natal (*Trifolium africanum glabellum*, No. 47321) is certain to attract its full share of attention. According to Mr. John Fisher, who sends it from Cedara, it has proved more vigorous than any imported species yet tried at Natal.

Job's-tears have commonly attracted only the attention of those who were looking for seeds from which beads can be made, but the ma-yuen (Nos. 47325 and 47326), a variety from Mindanao, has thin-walled seeds which, according to Mr. Wester, are used for food by the natives.

A relative of the chayote, the tacaco (*Polakowskia tacaco*, No. 47329) of Costa Rica, is a small fruit with a single large seed in it. Unlike the chayote, the fruits refuse to grow if put in the ground, whereas if put on top of the ground and covered with leaves they will sprout. Is there here a clue to some peculiarity worth investigation?

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