

Two varieties of Natal grass (*Tricholaena rosea*, Nos. 48843 and 48844) from New Zealand will attract the attention of horticulturists in Florida, where this grass has been such a success.

The Siberian brier (*Rosa laxa*, No. 48845) which, according to Mr. George M. Taylor, of the Florists' Exchange, is an excellent stock for roses on medium and light soils, merits trial by others.

The growing interest in Job's-tears (*Coincya lacryma-jobi*) as a cereal and forage crop makes the collection of 16 varieties of this cereal (Nos. 48860 to 48875) which Mr. Thompstone has sent in from Northern Circle, Burma, of unusual importance; and, according to Mr. G. N. Collins, the remarkable collection of varieties of corn (Nos. 48876 to 48921) from the same region, is composed of an entirely new type having waxy endosperms similar to that of a single isolated sort obtained by us from China a number of years ago. For breeding purposes these have very unusual interest.

Through the courtesy of the Director General of Agriculture of the Belgian Congo, M. Leplae, 51 varieties of cassava (*Manihot esculenta*, Nos. 48924 to 48974) have been received for use in the tests of this plant as a vegetable for home use in southern Florida.

Peppermint growers in Michigan will be pleased to have from the agronomist of the Hokkaido Agricultural Experiment Station authentic material of the best variety of Japanese peppermint (*Mentha piperita*, No. 48980).

*Petrea volubilis* is one of the loveliest of all climbers recently introduced into southern Florida, and another species of the same genus (*P. arborea*, No. 49031) from Colombia, which is a shrub, will meet with a warm welcome there if it approaches the vine in beauty.

Nos. 49032 to 49050 represent seeds which were collected by Mr. Allanson from the exotic fruiting trees and shrubs in the parks of Rochester, N. Y., and presented to us through the courtesy of Mr. Dunbar, director of the parks; and Nos. 49051 to 49123 represent a similar collection from the Arnold Arboretum, through the courtesy of Prof. Sargent, its director. Most of them represent valuable introductions made by the Arboretum.

The botanical determinations of seeds introduced have been made and the nomenclature determined by Mr. H. C. Skeels; and the descriptive and botanical notes have been arranged by Mr. G. P. Van Eseltine, who has had general supervision of this inventory, as of all other publications of this office. The manuscript has been prepared by Miss Esther A. Celandier and Miss Patty T. Newbold.

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