

## 51786 to 51791—Continued.

about 3 inches long and produces an abundance of small berries which are first green, then cream colored, then red, and finally, when fully ripe, almost black. They are used locally for making ink. Test in Florida and on the Pacific coast."

51789. *MUTISIA CLEMATIS* L. f. Asteraceæ.

"(No. 487a. October 14, 1920. Herb. No. 1145.) A climbing plant, wild and cultivated around the edges of the sabana of Bogota, at altitudes of 8,500 to 9,500 feet. It reaches a height of about 20 feet. Its foliage is graceful in appearance, of a grayish green color, and the bright-crimson flowers, which suggest small single dahlias in appearance, are about 2 inches in diameter. I believe the plant is one worthy of cultivation in California and Florida, where it will probably succeed."

51790. *VACCINIUM FLORIBUNDUM* H. B. K. Vacciniaceæ.

"(No. 490a, October 14, 1920. Herb. No. 1155.) From the mountains near Sibate, Cundinamarca, at an altitude of about 9,400 feet. A small shrub, compact and bushy in habit, about 5 feet high, with fine leaves and small rose-pink tubular flowers."

51791. *VICIA ANDICOLA* H. B. K. Fabaceæ.

"(No. 489a. October 14, 1920. Herb. No. 1153.) A small, slender climber, reaching a height of 8 or 10 feet, with delicate foliage and pea-shaped, bright-blue flowers about half an inch broad. From the mountains near Sibate, Cundinamarca, at an altitude of 9,400 feet. For trial in California and Florida and perhaps in the North as an annual."

## 51792 and 51793.

From Darwin, Northern Territory, Australia. Seeds presented by C. E. Allen, curator, Botanic Garden. Received November 11, 1920.

51792. *ANDROPOGON BOMBYCINUS* R. Br. Poaceæ.

Grass.

"Native grass, 4 to 5 feet high." (Allen.)

"An erect perennial grass, native to Australia, growing to a height of 2 or 3 feet, becoming rather harsh in texture when mature. The herbage is lemon scented, but readily grazed by animals when young. The grass is very conspicuous when in bloom, on account of the silvery white heads. This grass grows in various soil types, even in drifting sands, and will endure much heat and drought." (C. V. Piper.)

For previous introduction, see S. P. I. No. 17035.

51793. *POLLINIA ARTICULATA* Trin. Poaceæ.

Grass.

"An annual wiry delicate grass of secondary value as pasture. Widely distributed in Asia from China to India and throughout the Malay Archipelago to Australia." (C. V. Piper.)

## 51794 to 51801.

From Bogota, Colombia. Collected by Wilson Popenoe, Agricultural Explorer of the United States Department of Agriculture. Received November 18, 1920. Quoted notes by Mr. Popenoe.

51794. *AMYGDALUS PERSICA* L. Amygdalaceæ.

Peach.

(*Prunus persica* Stokes.)

"(No. 499a. October 14, 1920.) Seeds of *durazno*, or peach. The common seedling white clingstone grown in the vicinity of Anolaima, Cundinamarca, and elsewhere on the upper slopes of the escarpment, at altitudes of 6,000 to 7,000 feet. This is a very inferior fruit, and the seeds are intended to be grown for testing as stock plants."

51795. *BERBERIS QUINDUENSIS* H. B. K. Berberidaceæ.

Barberry.

"(No. 500a. October 14, 1920. Herb. No. 1154.) Seeds of *tachuelo*, from El Penon, near Sibate, Cundinamarca; altitude, 9,300 feet. An arborescent shrub or small tree, up to 20 feet high, with small, stiff, spiny, hollylike leaves, small, golden-yellow, fragrant flowers, and oval, blue-black berries about an inch long. An attractive thing, particularly when in bloom. For trial as an ornamental plant."