

INVENTORY.¹

52306. STACHYS SIEBOLDI Miquel. Menthaceæ.

From Paris, France. Tubers purchased from Vilmorin-Andrieux & Co.
Received February 1, 1921.

A perennial Japanese plant up to 1½ feet in height, cultivated for its slender white tubers, which are eaten as salad, fried, and in many other ways. Cultivation is easy. The soil should be light and the plants spaced a foot apart. The tubers are dug in November or later. They shrivel on exposure to the air and should be taken only as wanted. (Adapted from *Catalogue, Vilmorin-Andrieux & Co.*)

52307 to 52309.

From Cali, Valle, Colombia. Collected by Wilson Popenoe, Agricultural Explorer of the United States Department of Agriculture. Received January 3, 1921. Quoted notes by Mr. Popenoe.

52307. AGATI GRANDIFLORA (L.) Desv. Fabaceæ.

(*Sesbania grandiflora* Poir.)

"(No. 520a. November 22, 1920. Herb. No. 1205.) Seeds of *regenerator*. A handsome flowering tree cultivated in the lower portion of the Cauca Valley, especially in the vicinity of Cartago (whence these seeds) and Roldanillo. It reaches a height of about 25 feet and has handsome pinnate foliage. The pure-white flowers, 2 inches long, are shaped much like those of *Clanthus* and something like those of *Erythrina*. A rose-colored form is also cultivated, but I have been unable to get seeds of it. The tree is remarkable in that it commences to flower when not more than 3 feet high. It is a rapid grower, and when properly trained (it is inclined to be rather tall and slender in form) it is shapely and very attractive. I believe it would be a distinct addition to the ornamental trees of southern Florida."

For previous introduction, see S. P. I. No. 38656.

52308. BROWNEA GRANDICEPS Jacq. Cæsalpiniaceæ.

"(No. 519a. November 22, 1920.) Seeds of *arbol de la Cruz*, a tree cultivated in a dooryard at Cartago, at an altitude of about 2,900 feet. This magnificent flowering tree, native to the Magdalena Valley in Colombia, is a common ornamental in the Cauca Valley at altitudes of 2,500 to 4,000 feet. It is about 20 feet in height and produces flame-

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