

**52898 to 52900.**

From Nice, France. Presented by Dr. A. Robertson Proschowsky, Jardin d'Acclimatation. Received April 18, 1921. Quoted notes by Doctor Proschowsky.

**52898.** AMYGDALUS PERSICA L. Amygdalaceæ. Peach.  
(*Prunus persica* Stokes.)

"Seeds of varieties of peaches from Laos, French Indo China."

**52899.** CYPERUS ESCULENTUS L. Cyperaceæ. Chufa.

"Tubers which can be kept in sand in perfect state for months and which have a very good taste like very sweet almonds. The plant grows with the greatest facility, does not require much moisture, and yields an abundant crop. When the tubers are planted in March the crop is ripe in October and November."

For previous introduction, see S. P. I. No. 43578.

**52900.** MALUS LAOENSIS (Cardot) Cheval. Malaceæ. Laos apple.  
(*Pyrus laosensis* Cardot.)

Seeds of an interesting species of apple growing wild on the high plateaus of Indo China at Tranninh at an altitude of 1,500 meters and also on certain mountains of the Tonking. It is a large tree which produces fruit similar in shape, color, and flavor to certain cider pears of Normandy. A drink has been made of it the color of which recalls the Normandy pear cider. Although this species grows in the dense forest and is uncared for by the mountain people, it may have been cultivated and improved in the past. The trees from which this seed was obtained may be remnants of specimens cultivated as sacred trees around certain Laos pagodas where the priests cared for them. (Adapted from *Comptes Rendus Hebdomadaires des Séances de l'Académie des Sciences, Paris, vol. 170, p. 1129.*)

**52901.** SOLANUM TUBEROSUM L. Solanaceæ. Potato.

From Reading, England. Tubers presented by Sutton & Sons. Received April 20, 1921.

"*Dunnotar Castle*. The crop yielded over 13 tons per acre." (*Sutton.*)

For use in breeding work.

**52902.** CALAMUS sp. Phœnicaceæ. Rattan palm.

From Lamo, Bataan, Philippine Islands. Seeds presented by Adn. Hernandez, Director of Agriculture. Received April 26, 1921.

"*Bejuco* seed." (*Hernandez.*)

For a discussion of rattan palms in the Philippines, see Brown and Merrill, Philippine Palms and Palm Products, pages 34 to 54.

**52903 and 52904.**

From Nairobi, Kenia, Africa. Seeds presented by Alexander Holm, Director of Agriculture. Received April 8, 1921.

**52903.** CAPRIOLA sp. Poaceæ. Grass.

"Probably an undescribed species of *Capriola*." (*C. V. Piper.*)

**52904.** CAPRIOLA sp. Poaceæ. Grass.

"Apparently a mixture of two species of *Capriola*." (*C. V. Piper.*)

**52905.** DIOSCOREA ESCULENTA (Lour.) Burkill. Dioscoreaceæ.  
Lesser yam.

From Dominica, British West Indies. Tubers presented by A. Keys, acting curator, Botanic Gardens. Received April 11, 1921.

"*Silver*. This yam is better known locally as the 'Silk yam.'" (*Keys.*)

"A small-tubered, smooth, tough-skinned yam having white flesh of good quality." (*R. A. Young.*)