

diameter, with whitish, firm, rather dry, sweet flesh of rather indefinite flavor, and four to eight large seeds.

"Notwithstanding its size and attractive appearance it has never gained the favor of the European, although very popular with the natives. This seedless variety is oblate, sweet, and juicy, and of good flavor, absolutely coreless, and without seed. Like the banana, the entire fruit is edible, the thin skin excepted, and it is a very superior fruit. According to the owner of the trees, 80 per cent of the fruit is seedless; the remainder contains from one to three seeds." (*Wester.*)

53556. FERRARIA WELWITSCHII Baker. Iridaceæ.

From Bela Vista, Angola. Bulbs presented by H. A. Neipp. American Mission. Received June 28, 1921.

"A number of bulbs, which may be of some interest should they blossom in America." (*Neipp.*)

53557. BROMUS UNIOLOIDES (Willd.) H. B. K. Poaceæ.

Brome-grass.

From Vlakfontein, Colesberg, South Africa. Seeds presented by Col. A. J. Bester. Received May 25, 1921.

"*Rescue grass.* A grass which grows in the most exposed parts during the winter." (*Bester.*)

For previous introduction, see S. P. I. No. 34806.

53558 to 53562. HOLCUS SORGHUM L. Poaceæ.

Sorghum.

(*Sorghum vulgare Pers.*)

From Bombay, India. Seeds presented by Grindlay & Co., through the Director of Agriculture, Bombay Department of Agriculture. Received May 28, 1921.

For experimental work of the Office of Forage-Crop Investigations.

53558. *Bile Fulgar.*

53561. *Sadgar Nandyal.*

53559. *Hasarbija.*

53562. *Yidgamfu.*

53560. *Pattansali.*

53563 to 53590.

From Allahabad, United Provinces, India. Seeds collected by Dr. L. A. Kenoyer and Winfield Dudgeon, Ewing Christian College. Received May 27, 1921. Quotes notes by Mr. Dudgeon.

53563. *ACACIA CAESIA (L.) Willd. Mimosaceæ.*

"A scandent shrub in pioneer monsoon-deciduous forests of peninsular India. Collected at Shankargarh, 25 miles south of Allahabad, April 8, 1921."

The flowers of this climbing shrub are pale yellow and are borne in stalked globose heads forming large panicles. Native to the Dekkan and Canara. (Adapted from *Cooke, Flora of Bombay, vol. 1, p. 451.*)

For previous introduction, see S. P. I. No. 30776.

53564. *ACACIA LEUCOPHLOEA (Roxb.) Willd. Mimosaceæ.*

"A conspicuous component of survival thorn scrub on the Indo-Gangetic Plains, and a pioneer in forest areas of peninsular India. Collected at Shankargarh, 25 miles south of Allahabad, April 8, 1921."

A large, fast-growing tree with yellowish bark used in the distillation of spirit. The bark also yields a strong fiber said to be much valued for fishing nets. Native to the plains of the Punjab and Rajputana and the forests of central and southern India and Burma. (Adapted from *Watt, Commercial Products of India, p. 15.*)

For previous introduction, see S. P. I. No. 33432.