

2874. VIGNA CATJANG. Cowpea.

"These are regarded as the poorest of the lot and are often fed to horses. As I saw them growing they were only about 1½ feet high."

2875. BRASSICA. Cabbage.

"This cabbage is very much grown in the vicinity of the city during the winter. It has smooth leaves of dark green color and white midrib and veins; hence its name, 'Black cabbage.'"

2876. BRASSICA OLERACEA. Cabbage.

"This is the best cabbage that is raised here. It is curly like the Savoy cabbage, though it is small and does not have any more head than our lettuces. It is called Nanking white cabbage, as the seed was said to have come from there at some time."

2877. BRASSICA PETSAL. Petsai.

"This is the loose white cabbage grown in many parts of China and figured in Bul. 67, Cornell Agric. Exp. Sta., 1894. It is not grown so much in the winter as the others, but is pickled in the fall and used through the winter. It is, as well as turnips, dried in the fall for winter use." (See No. 2118, Inventory No. 5.)

2878. AMARANTHUS.

"This is a summer vegetable and is cooked like spinach."

2879. RAPHANUS SATIVUS. Radish.

"This is a very fine, smooth radish; red color; round; large size. It grows about 60 miles from here, but is shipped in in large quantities. The people call it a turnip, and say it is the best one grown in the Yangtze Valley."

2880. PYRUS JAPONICA. Japan quince.

"A large quince called 'Mung Kua' or wood squash. They are said to come from near Ichang, 400 miles farther up the river. They are not eaten here, simply placed in a room for their fragrance."

2881. PYRUS SINENSIS. Pear.

"A fall pear, which is considered very good. It is said to keep for a long time."

2882. DOLICHOS LABLAB. Bean.

"This is a very strong grower, with purple or white flowers and a profusion of pods, each containing from two to four beans. They are much eaten as snap beans while the pods are young. They are generally grown along the edges of the fields and allowed to run on the mud walls which serve as fences."

2883. ARRACACHA ESCULENTA. Arracach.

From Jamaica. Received through Messrs. Lathrop and Fairchild, from the Hope Botanical Gardens, Kingston, through the kindness of Mr. Wm. Fawcett, director.

A carrot-like vegetable much used in tropical and subtropical South America. The roots are propagated by subdivision. (See No. 3511.)

2884. BETA VULGARIS. Sugar beet.

From Germany. Imported by the Division of Chemistry from M. Knauer, Gröbers. Received March, 1899.

Mangold.