

**2885. BETA VULGARIS.****Sugar beet.**

From Germany. Imported by Hoff Brothers, Chicago, Ill., and presented to the Division of Chemistry. The seed was grown by Carl Braune, of Biendorf, Germany. Received March, 1899.

*Biendorf Elite Klein-Wanzlebener.*

**2886. CITRUS AURANTIUM?****Orange.**

From Panama, Colombia. Received through Messrs. Lathrop and Fairchild, (No. 108), 1899.

"A variety of orange introduced from Chile into Panama by Mr. Gerardo Lewis. The fruits are exceedingly small, often not more than three-quarters of an inch in diameter. Skin very thin and tender, separating very easily from the flesh, which is very sour and juicy. It is rumored the variety came originally from China. Leaves narrowly lanceolate, obtuse; petiole not winged; spineless." (*D. G. Fairchild.*)

**2887. LINUM USITATISSIMUM.****Flax.**

From Oregon. Donated by Prof. J. Withycombe. Seed raised from Belgian stock at the Experiment Station Farm, Corvallis, Oregon.

A fiber flax.

**2888. ANDROPOGON SORGHUM.****Sorghum.**

From Kansas. Received March, 1899.

A series of miscellaneous lots of individual seed heads from plants showing high sugar content. These were distributed to twenty of the State agricultural experiment stations.

**2889 to 2891. DIOSPYROS KAKI.****Kaki.**

From Japan. Received through Prof. S. A. Knapp, March, 1899.

The following three varieties belong with those listed under Nos. 2726 to 2730 (q. v.). The descriptions are those published by the Japanese Agricultural Society.

**2889.** *Hiyakume.* "Fruit very large, roundish-oblate. Skin vermilion red, and shows black marks on the end when quite ripe; fleshy, few seeds. Flesh rusty brown with many purplish brown dots, juicy, very delicious. Superior to any other variety."

**2890.** *Daidai maru.* "Fruit large, oblate, four-sided. Skin yellowish orange. Flesh pale yellow, juicy, sweet; seeds rare."

**2891.** *Shimomaru.* "Fruit medium, round. Skin yellowish orange. Black cobweb marks appear on the end when quite ripe. Flesh rich in flavor."

**2892. PYRUS SINENSIS.****Pear.**

From Japan. Received through Prof. S. A. Knapp, March, 1899.

"Fruit large, round, and in quality similar to Keifer, but superior. The tree is recommended as very hardy and free from blight. It is the best stock upon which to graft American pears."

**2893 to 2900. PRUNUS.****Plum.**

The following collection of young trees of eight of the best varieties of Japanese plums were received through Prof. S. A. Knapp from Japan early in 1899. They are as follows:

- 2893.** *Yone-momo.*
- 2894.** *Nagate-maru.*
- 2895.** *Haku-botan.*
- 2896.** *Cyca-momo.*
- 2897.** *Oku-botan.*
- 2898.** *Beni-botan.*
- 2899.** *Hatankio.*
- 2900.** *Botankin.*