

55253 to 55366—Continued.

55303. *MECONOPSIS* sp.
 "(No. 4164.) A plant growing a foot high, with sky-blue flowers."
 55304. *MECONOPSIS* sp.
 "(No. 4640.) Violet flowers."
 55305. *OREOCHARIS* sp. Gesneriaceæ.
 "(No. 3995.) Yellow drooping flowers."
 55306. *PHLOMIS* sp. Menthaceæ.
 "(No. 4644.) Pale-pink flowers."
 55307. *PICEA* sp. Pinaceæ. Spruce.
 "(No. 3954.) A graceful tree 50 feet in height, growing at 9,000 to 11,000 feet altitude."
 55308 to 55351. *PRIMULA* spp. Primulaceæ. Primrose.

55308. *PRIMULA BELLA* Franch.
 "(No. 4082.) Violet or purple flowers."

In damp, sandy, mountain pasture land on the Mekong-Salwin Divide, western Yunnan, China, this attractive primrose was originally collected. It is little more than 2 inches in height, but bears beautiful pale-rose or deep bluish rose flowers with greenish white eyes, fairly fragrant. (Adapted from *Notes from the Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh, vol. 4, p. 225.*)

For previous introduction, see S. P. I. 48353.

55309. *PRIMULA BLATTARIFORMIS* Franch.
 "(No. 4520.)"

A primrose from limestone regions in Yunnan, China; in general appearance it resembles the smooth mullein, *Verbascum blattaria*, hence its name. The leaves form a close rosette, and the lilac flowers are borne in spikelike racemes. (Adapted from *Journal of the Royal Horticultural Society, vol. 39, p. 145.*)

55310. *PRIMULA BREVIFOLIA* Forrest.
 "(No. 4173.)"

From a rosette of bright-green, oblong leaves rises a purplish scape which ends in a cluster of a half dozen or more drooping flowers; each has a dark-purple calyx and a fringed, blue-purple corolla. The plant is native to Yunnan, China. (Adapted from *Gardeners' Chronicle, 3d ser., vol. 57, p. 207.*)

55311 and 55312. *PRIMULA DRYADIFOLIA* Franch.

A somewhat shrubby Chinese primrose with small leaves and large, drooping, rose-colored flowers with dark-purple bracts. (Adapted from *Journal of the Royal Horticultural Society, vol. 39, p. 165.*)

For previous introduction, see S. P. I. No. 48359.

55311. "(No. 4100.)" 55312. "(No. 4109.)"

55313 and 55314. *PRIMULA MALVACEA* Franch.

A primrose from the mountains of Yunnan, China, densely covered with short hairs, with bright-green leaves about 3 inches in length and thick scapes which bear two or three umbels of reddish flowers. (Adapted from *Engler, Das Pflanzenreich, vol. 22, p. 26.*)

55313. "(No. 4351.)" 55314. "(No. 4181.)"