

"Native cedar of this region. These seeds are from trees in our own grounds." (*Thompson.*)

The *Milanji cypress* was originally found at an altitude of 10,000 feet on Mount Milanji, in Nyasaland, by Alexander Whyte. It is a magnificent tree reaching a height of 140 feet, sometimes with a clear straight trunk for 90 feet and a diameter of $5\frac{1}{2}$ feet at 6 feet from the base. The pale reddish timber is of excellent quality and easily worked. The bark on old trees is of great thickness. These fine trees are rapidly disappearing before the forest fires, only those in damp gorges surviving. (Adapted from *Transactions of the Linnean Society, 2d ser., vol. 4, p. 60*, and *Gardener's Chronicle, 3d ser., vol. 37, p. 18.*)

For previous introduction, see S. P. I. No. 52807.

55603. PHELEUM PRATENSE L. Poaceæ. Timothy.

From Roskilde, Denmark. Presented by Danske Landboforeningers Frøforsyning. Received August 2, 1922.

Timothy seed produced locally for several seed generations; introduced for breeding experiments.

55604. PHELEUM PRATENSE L. Poaceæ. Timothy.

From Prague, Czechoslovakia. Presented by Basil Benzin. Received July 31, 1922.

Locally grown seed introduced for timothy breeding experiments.

55605 and 55606. RUMEX spp. Polygonaceæ.

From Okitsu, Japan. Seeds presented by T. Onda, director, Government Horticultural Experiment Station. Received August 2, 1922.

These sorrels, which are used as salad vegetables in Japan, are introduced for trial as food for diabetics.

55605. RUMEX ACETOSA L. Sorrel.

Suiba.

55606. RUMEX CRISPUS L. Curly dock.

Variety *japonicus*. *Gishi-gishi.*

55607. BOWENIA SPECTABILIS Hook. Cycadaceæ.

From Brisbane, Queensland. Seeds presented by C. T. White, Government botanist. Received August 1, 1922.

An Australian cycad with a short, thick, cylindrical stem which bears at the summit one or two large, very graceful, compound fernlike leaves. It makes a charming little ornamental and should thrive well in lath houses in Florida when given proper shade, a good supply of moisture, and soil rich in humus. (Adapted from *Curtis's Botanical Magazine, pl. 5398*, and *Bailey, Standard Cyclopedia of Horticulture, vol. 1, p. 537.*)

**55608. PRUNUS TOMENTOSA ENDOTRICHA Koehne. Amygdalaceæ.
Bush cherry.**

From Jamaica Plain, Mass. Cuttings presented by Dr. C. S. Sargent, Arnold Arboretum. Received August 9, 1922.

A large spreading shrub or small tree with densely hairy branches, dark-green, toothed, sharp-pointed leaves about 3 inches long, solitary white flowers three-fourths of an inch across, and dark-red fruits about half an inch in diameter. The plant is found native in western Hupeh and northern Shensi, China. (Adapted from *Sargent, Plantae Wilsonianae, vol. 1, p. 225.*)

55609 and 55610. LILIUM spp. Liliaceæ. Lily.

From Likiang, Yunnan, China. Bulbs collected by J. F. Rock, Agricultural Explorer of the United States Department of Agriculture. Received August 9, 1922. Quoted notes by Mr. Rock.