

vated on the Pacific coast and in the Gulf States. A full description of the plant, its cultivation, and uses may be found in the *Journal of Heredity*, vol. 12, pp. 387-393, November, 1921." (*Wilson Popenoe.*)

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55789. RHEUM RHAPONTICUM L. Polygonaceæ. Rhubarb.

From Ottawa, Canada. Crowns presented by Prof. T. F. Ritchie, Department of Horticulture, Central Experimental Farm. Received September 28, 1922.

"A new variety of rhubarb of very fine quality; it has a slender purplish stalk." (*W. A. Orton.*)

55790. CALLIANDRA TERGEMINA (L.) Benth. Mimosaceæ.

From Dominica, British West Indies. Seeds presented by Joseph Jones, curator, Botanic Gardens, Dominica. Received September 22, 1922.

"Seeds of a small native tree known locally as *bois ravine*; it makes a good hedge plant and is very pleasing when in flower." (*Jones.*)

A beautiful leguminous shrub of the habit of the mimosas, but thornless, with compound leaves composed of six leaflets arranged characteristically in two groups of three each. The long purple filaments of the dense axillary flower heads make this shrub a very pleasing ornamental. (Adapted from *Plumier, Plantarum Americanarum, ed. Burmann, pl. 10.*)

55791. OSYRIS ALBA L. Santalaceæ.

From Nice, France. Seeds presented by Dr. A. Robertson Proschowsky. Received September 23, 1922.

"This is a small evergreen bush which is very ornamental when loaded with its red fruits. It grows in very dry poor soil." (*Proschowsky.*)

A small upright shrub 3 feet high, widely distributed throughout the Mediterranean region. It has stiff, narrow, yellowish green leaves, small axillary greenish yellow flowers, and small red fruits. The roots and fruit possess astringent properties. (Adapted from *Schneider, Illustriertes Handbuch der Laubholzkunde, vol. 1, p. 277.*)

55792 to 55795.

From Freetown, Sierra Leone, West Africa. Seeds presented by Prof. William N. Martin, Albert Academy, Freetown. Received September 25, 1922.

55792. CUCUMEROPSIS MANNII Naud. Cucurbitaceæ. Kiffy.

A cucurbitaceous yellow-flowered climbing vine from tropical Africa.

"The gourdlike fruits, about the size and shape of a goose egg, are produced on vines like that of the ordinary gourd. The seeds when parched and ground produce a delicious condiment, and kiffy seed is an important ingredient in the popular Liberian dish called dumboy. The flavor of the parched seed is similar to that of the parched seeds of *Sesamum indicum*, which are used in the same manner by the natives of Liberia. The seeds are obtained by macerating the fruits in water and washing them free from the pulp. This plant probably would mature its fruits only in the extreme southern United States." (*G. N. Collins.*)

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55793 and 55794. HOLCUS SORGHUM L. Poaceæ. Sorghum.
(*Sorghum vulgare* Pers.)

55793. Cush Cush. Seeds yellow.

55794. Cush Cush. Seeds red.

55795. ORYZA SATIVA L. Poaceæ. Rice.

"Temne rice, the sweetest in Sierra Leone." (*Martin.*)