

“This vetch, which grows wild from Alma to Barnal in Algeria, flowers abundantly and seeds well if sown in autumn, but loses its seeds if the sirocco comes when the pods are ripe. This defect renders a special culture necessary for the production of the seed, which is rather high priced.

“Mixed with Abruzzes oats (*Avoine des Abruzes*) it yielded, in 1896, on a large plot of good soil at the experiment station at Rouïba, more than a hundred quintals per hectare of excellent forage.” (*Trabut.*)

This plant is usually grown in winter in Algeria, sown shortly before the first rains in autumn, either alone or with winter oats. It is probable that it may be grown as a winter crop in the South and on the Pacific slope, and may prove useful as a summer crop in some regions. It is an exceedingly vigorous plant deserving the most careful trial, and if some region can be found where the seed will ripen without being lost because of the hot winds, it is probable that this will become a most important plant. (See Nos. 4336 and 5574.)

3826. ANANAS SATIVUS. Pineapple.

From Guayaquil, Ecuador. Received through Messrs. Lathrop and Fairchild, April 7, 1899.

“The pineapples of Peru, Panama, and Trinidad often have many seeds in them.” (*Fairchild.*) Distributed.

3827. ANANAS SATIVUS. Pineapple.

From Paita, Peru. Received through Messrs. Lathrop and Fairchild, April 7, 1899. Distributed.

3828 to 3829. TRITICUM VULGARE. Wheat.

From Tiflis, Caucasus, Russia. Received through Prof. N. E. Hansen, June 4, 1898.

These two varieties, which consist of small packages weighing about 30 pounds, were discovered in September, 1899, hidden in a large bale of grass seeds. There is no further data concerning them. Distributed.

3830 to 3833.

From Tiflis, Caucasus. A collection of seeds received through Prof. N. E. Hansen, September, 1899.

3830. CUCUMIS MELO. Muskmelon.

Tiflis No. 1.

3831. CUCUMIS MELO. Distributed. Muskmelon.

Tiflis No. 2.

3832. CUCUMIS MELO. Muskmelon.

Tiflis No. 3.

3833. CUCUMIS SATIVUS. Cucumber.

3834–3852. VEGETABLE SEEDS.

The following nineteen numbers comprise a collection of small quantities of vegetable seeds purchased by Mr. W. T. Swingle of a seed peddler at Sophia, Bulgaria. The peddler was in attendance at the weekly market, and samples were secured of all the seeds he had.

3834. CUCUMIS MELO. Muskmelon.

3835. LACTUCA SATIVA. Lettuce.

3836. LACTUCA SATIVA. Lettuce.

3837. BETA VULGARIS. Beet.

3838. CITRULLUS VULGARIS. Watermelon.

3839. CITRULLUS VULGARIS. Watermelon.

3840. CITRULLUS VULGARIS. Watermelon.

3841. CUCUMIS SATIVUS. Cucumber.