

3834-3852. VEGETABLE SEEDS—Continued.

3842.	SPINACIA OLERACEA.	Spinach.
3843.	ALLIUM CEPA.	Onion.
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3845.	PASTINACA SATIVA.	Parsnip.
3846.	BRASSICA.	
3847.	HELIANTHUS ANNUUS. Distributed.	Sunflower.
3848.	CUCURBITA PEPO.	Squash.
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3850.	CUCURBITA.	
3851.		

Mixed seeds. Distributed.

3852.	CUCUMIS.	Melons.
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Mixed melon seeds. Distributed.

3853. SOLANUM TUBEROSUM. Potato.

From Zacatecas, Mexico. Grown by Dr. Edward Palmer, 1899, from tubers from the wild plant. Distributed.

3854. BYRSONIMA COTINIFOLIA.

From Colima, Mexico. Received through Dr. Edward Palmer, 1897.

Large shrub to small tree, flowers yellow. The fruits are yellow and much eaten; have the flavor of overripe cheese. Sold in the markets of Acapulco and Colima. Grows on hillsides. Distributed.

3855.

From Colima, Mexico. Received through Dr. Edward Palmer, 1897.

Fruit edible and medicinal. This fruit has a watery taste with slight smoky tang and is black in color. The fruit and leaves are boiled in water and used as an astringent. Distributed.

3856-3859. THEOBROMA CACAO. Cacao.

These four numbers comprise a collection of samples of as many commercial grades of the roasted seeds. Further data in regard to them lacking.

3860. CUCUMIS? "Manila pie fruit."

From Oneida, N. Y. Received from Mr. Robert Albert, 1899.

It is not known where the seed of this plant originally came from, but Mr. Albert found it growing where general garden seeds had been planted. The plant is much like some of our melons and grows best on a sandy soil. The fruit is elliptical in shape, about the size of a large lemon, and has a thin, hard shell, which turns from green to yellow as it ripens. The flesh is milky white and resembles that of the apple in appearance. In a raw state the fruit is not particularly delicious, but as pie material or as a sauce it is very good.

3861. DIOSCOREA. Yam.

From Barbados. Received from Mr. A. A. Evelyln, through Messrs. Lathrop and Fairchild (No. 65), 1898.

"The so-called *Chinese* yam, said to be an excellent variety, but not so well thought of as some others. Should be planted like sweet potatoes and cooked or boiled exactly as potatoes are. They are excellent vegetables." (*Fairchild.*) Distributed.