

61238 to 61242—Continued.

61239 to 61242. QUERCUS spp. Fagaceae.
Oak.

These four East Indian oaks are introduced for trial in the warmer parts of the southern United States as shade trees and as possible sources of tannin. The descriptive notes are taken from Miquel's Flora van Nederlandsch Indie, vol. 1, and from Ridley's Flora of the Malay Peninsula, vol. 3.

61239. QUERCUS BLUMEANA Korth.

No. 3. A rather uncommon tree, 40 to 50 feet high, with narrowly oblong, leathery leaves about 8 inches long and roundish silky tomentose acorns three-fourths of an inch wide.

61240. QUERCUS INDUTA Blume.

No. 9. A tree with long-pointed, entire leaves and flattened acorns.

61241. QUERCUS SUNDAICA Blume.

No. 6. A tall tree, 60 to 80 feet high, with silvery, thinly coriaceous elliptic leaves, and fruits in rather crowded stout spikes. The dark chestnut-colored ovoid-conic acorns are an inch in greatest diameter.

61242. QUERCUS TEYSMANNII Blume.

No. 4. A tree with serrate, narrowly oblong, leathery leaves about 6 inches long and ovoid-globose acorns an inch and a half in diameter.

61243 and 61244. FRAGARIA spp. Rosaceae.
Strawberry.

From The Hague, Netherlands. Plants presented by the American vice consul, The Hague. Received September 12, 1924.

Dutch strawberry varieties introduced for testing by horticulturists.

61243. FRAGARIA sp.

Breadasche.

61244. FRAGARIA sp.

"*Deutsch Evern.* A prolific variety with very large, delicious berries." (*J. Abbing & Sons, Zeist, Netherlands, 1922-1923 catalog.*)

61245 to 61252.

From Cape Town, Union of South Africa. Bulbs purchased from W. S. Duke & Co., Cape Town, through H. L. Shantz, Bureau of Plant Industry. Received September 18, 1924.

61245. BRUNSVIGIA JOSEPHINAE (Rcd.) Ker. Amaryllidaceae.

No. 467. A South African bulbous plant 2 to 3 feet high with eight or ten thick, closely ribbed, strap-shaped leaves and large, brick-red flowers.

61246. BUPHANE CILIARIS (L.) Herbert. Amaryllidaceae.

No. 470. The flower stalks of this remarkable South African amaryllidaceous plant appear before the leaves and bear 50 to 100 dull-purple flowers. The thick, strap-shaped leaves appear later.

61247. GLADIOLUS sp. Iridaceae.

A South African variety.

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61248. HAEMANTHUS KATHERINAE Baker. Amaryllidaceae.
Blood lily.

An attractive bulbous plant, native to South Africa, with three to five oblong, pointed leaves borne on a separate stem which appears with the flowers. The bright-red flowers are produced at the summit of an upright peduncle which grows from the base of the leaf stem.

61249. ORNITHOGALUM NATALENSE Baker. Liliaceae.

A white-flowered bulbous plant from the Cape of Good Hope, where several members of this genus are known as "chinchinchees." The dried flower clusters are prized there as "everlastings."

61250. TRITONIA sp. (*Montbretia* sp.). Iridaceae.

The Tritonias are South African plants, related to the irises, with narrow leaves and numerous flowers of various colors. In the trade, Tritonias are often known as Montbretias.

61251. WATSONIA ROSEA Ker. Iridaceae.
Bugle lily.

A robust pink-flowered species, 4 to 6 feet high, with strap-shaped narrow leaves. The flowers are in dense or lax spikes, the terminal spikes measuring 6 inches to a foot in length. Native to South America.

61252. WATSONIA sp. Iridaceae.
Bugle lily.

The Watsonias are South African ornamental plants closely related to the gladiolus.

61253. CANARIUM OVATUM Engl. Balsamiaceae.
Pili nut.

From Manila, Philippine Islands. Nuts presented by H. T. Edwards, Bureau of Plant Industry. Received July 29, 1924.

Pili nuts as grown in the Philippines are quite variable in quality, and these now sent in by Mr. Edwards are from particularly choice strains. The tree which is rarely cultivated, is tall, at times reaching 130 feet in height, with dark-green, pinnate leaves over a foot long. According to P. J. Wester (Food Plants of the Philippines), the triangular, pointed nut, inclosed in a black, shining shell, is excellent when eaten raw or roasted and is of high food value.

For previous introduction see S. P. I. No. 54434.

61254 to 61257.

From Argentina. Seeds collected by H. L. Westover, Bureau of Plant Industry. Received July 14, 1924. Notes by Mr. Westover.

61254. PANICUM MILIOIDES Nees. Poaceae.
Grass.

April, 1924. Collected near Sucre, Buenos Aires.

61255 to 61257. PASPALUM DILATATUM Poir. Poaceae.
Dallis grass.

61255. March 28, 1924. Collected near Mercedes, Buenos Aires.