

61894 and 61895. DIOSPYROS KAKI L. f.
Diospyraceae. Kaki.

From Hananho, Chihli, China. Scions collected by P. H. Dorsett, agricultural explorer, Bureau of Plant Industry. Received November 29, 1924. Notes by Mr. Dorsett.

61894. No. 797. October 21, 1924. Scions obtained from a young tree known here as the "Lantern persimmon." This tree was found growing in the same orchard from which the large Chinese persimmon, Nos. 771 and 798 [S. P. I. Nos. 61837 and 61895] was obtained. If girdled, this tree produces very good and sometimes heavy crops, otherwise it appears to be shy in fruiting. Though small, the fruits are attractive.

61895. No. 798. October 21, 1924. A large Chinese persimmon from one of the best trees in the orchard. The land on which this orchard is located is composed of sandy loam and is of very good texture.

61896 to 61898.

From Peking, China. Collected by P. H. Dorsett, agricultural explorer, Bureau of Plant Industry. Received December 8, 1924. Notes by Mr. Dorsett.

61896. HELIANTHUS TUBEROSUS L. Asteraceae.
Jerusalem artichoke.

No. 1046. October 26, 1924. Tubers. The Chinese name is *Ti Kua*, meaning "ground gourd." These small tubers are mostly used in making pickles or are eaten raw.

61897. STACHYS SIEBOLDI Miquel. Menthaceae.
Chorogi.

No. 1047. October 26, 1924. Tubers. The Chinese name is *Wai Kuo Chiang*, meaning "foreign ginger." The tubers are of average size.

61898. ZINZIBER OFFICINALE Roscoe. Zinziberaceae.
Ginger.

No. 1050. October 27, 1924. Ginger roots purchased in the market. They had been shipped in from Fu Chen. It is reported that this is the best type of Chinese ginger.

61899. LANSIUM DOMESTICUM Jack.
Meliaceae. Langsat.

From Manila, Philippine Islands. Seeds presented by Adn. Hernandez, director, Bureau of Agriculture. Received December 8, 1924.

The langsat or lanzon is reckoned one of the best fruits of the Malayan region.

The tree reaches 40 feet in height and has pinnate leaves composed of five to seven elliptic leaflets each 4 to 8 inches long. The fruit varies in form and character, but is generally oval or round, 1 to 2 inches in diameter, velvety and straw colored, with a thick leathery skin inclosing five segments of white, translucent, juicy, aromatic flesh, and one to three large seeds.

Two distinct kinds are known, one termed langsat and the other duku or doedoe. Choice seedling forms occur in both, and should be propagated by some vegetative means.

For previous introduction see S. P. I. No. 58382.

61900 to 61902.

From Kobe, Japan. Seeds collected by P. H. Dorsett, agricultural explorer, Bureau of Plant Industry. Received November 8, 1924. Notes by Mr. Dorsett.

61900. CITRULLUS VULGARIS Schrad. Cucurbitaceae.
Watermelon.

No. 214. August 9, 1924. A watermelon of average size obtained from the market. The red flesh is of very good quality.

61901 and 61902. CUCUMIS MELO L. Cucurbitaceae.
Melon.

61901. No. 212. August 9, 1924. A greenish yellow melon about 3 inches in diameter and 6 inches in length. The flesh, which is white and not very thick, is of fair quality.

61902. No. 213. August 9, 1924. A small, lemon-yellow melon, which is very fragrant; purchased in the market. The flesh is white, crisp, and of very good quality.

61903 to 61914.

From China. Seeds collected by P. H. Dorsett, agricultural explorer, Bureau of Plant Industry. Received November, 1924. Notes by Mr. Dorsett.

61903. ARISTOLOCHIA sp. Aristolochiaceae.

No. 716. Tanchientzu. September 21, 1924. Collected along the trail.

61904. BEGONIA EVANSIANA Andrews. Begoniaceae.

No. 651. Heichunghuan. September 17, 1924. A wild begonia with pink flowers; collected on the river bank.

61905. BENINCASA HISPIDA (Thunb.) Cogn. Cucurbitaceae.
Wax gourd.

No. 319. Shanghai. August 16, 1924. A large gourd used in Shanghai as a vegetable and sold in the market in large quantities.

61906. BERBERIS FOIRETI C. Schneid. Berberidaceae.
Barberry.

No. 705. Liangshalou. September 19, 1924. This barberry has small leaves and small, bright-red berries.

61907 and 61908. CAPSICUM ANNUUM L. Solanaceae.
Red pepper.

61907. No. 495. September 3, 1924. Collected at Loutzuchang, about 4 or 5 miles east of Peking.

61908. No. 499. Peking. September 4, 1924. Purchased in the market. These bright-red peppers are of good size and much corrugated. They are used for seasoning.

61909 to 61913. CITRULLUS VULGARIS Schrad. Cucurbitaceae.
Watermelon.

61909. No. 471. Peking. August 30, 1924. A very dark-green watermelon, weighing 22 pounds, with yellow flesh, which is sweet and of good flavor.

61910. No. 472. Peking. August 30, 1924. Purchased in the market. A watermelon striped light and dark green, weighing 14 pounds. The flesh is yellow, juicy, and sweet.