

## 68961 to 68973—Continued.

68970. *PHASEOLUS VULGARIS* L. Fabaceae.  
Common bean.

A native variety.

68971. *STIZOLOBIUM VELUTINUM* (Hassk.)  
Piper and Tracy. Fabaceae.

Said to be a cross between a black-seeded variety and a local white-seeded variety.

For previous introduction see No. 43556.

68972. *VOANDZEA SUBTERRANEA* (L.)  
Thouars. Fabaceae.

A locally grown variety which is used by the natives as a relish; matures in four or five months.

For previous introduction see No. 63731.

68973. *ZEA MAYS* L. Poaceae. Corn.

A native-grown corn, originally introduced by the Portuguese into Nyasaland.

68974. *MACADAMIA TERNIFOLIA* F.  
Muell. Proteaceae.

From San Diego, Calif. Seeds presented by John Stafford. Received December 7, 1926.

Two of my three trees are bearing heavily; the trees are very handsome, with straight trunks and slender branches with pendulous branchlets. No insect pests or diseases have so far injured the trees. (Stafford.)

Nuts rounded-ovoid, about 20 millimeters long; surface dull brown and somewhat roughened; shell varying in thickness from one-half to 4 millimeters, comparatively easy to crack; kernel white, tender, with a sweet flavor and of excellent quality.

For previous introduction see No. 49307.

68975. *CHAMAEDOREA TEPEJILOTE*  
Liebm. Phoenicaceae. Palm.

From Zacuapam, Huatusco, Vera Cruz, Mexico. Seeds presented by Dr. C. A. Purpus. Received November 29, 1926.

This relative of the pacayito (*Chamaedorea elegans*) is a slightly larger palm, becoming about 10 feet high with leaves 4 feet long. Doctor Purpus says that the undeveloped flowers make an excellent vegetable and are eaten throughout the State of Vera Cruz, Mexico. It grows best in shady places.

For previous introduction see No. 61386.

68976. *AMYGDALUS KANSUENSIS* (Rehder)  
Skeels (*Prunus kansuensis* Rehder). Amygdalaceae.

From China. Seeds collected by J. F. Rock, Arnold Arboretum, Jamaica Plain, Mass. Received December 6, 1926.

No. 14889. Kansu-Tibet border. September 13, 1926. A thorny shrub, 6 to 10 feet high, with black stems and pink flowers which appear before the leaves. The small fruits, the size of a marble or larger, contain no flesh. This species occurs on the dry arid loess slopes both in the Tao River Valley and in the arid gorges of the Minchow River and endures temperatures of 10° to 20° F. below zero. This is the earliest flowering shrub in this region, blooming in April at an altitude of 8,500

to 9,000 feet, when the country is still covered with snow and the streams are frozen. (Rock.)

For previous introduction see No. 40864.

68977. *CORYLUS HETEROPHYLLA* Fisch.  
Betulaceae. Hazel.

From Manchuria. Seeds obtained by P. H. Dorsett, agricultural explorer, Bureau of Plant Industry. Received December 7, 1926.

No. 8362. *Chen tzu*. From Baream, Heilungkiang Province.

For previous introduction see No. 65622.

68978. *CITRUS* sp. Rutaceae.  
Cuban shaddock.

From Holguin, Cuba. Seeds presented by Thomas R. Towns. Received December 10, 1926.

Seeds of a shaddock used as a stock for citrus varieties in Cuba; especially good for navel orange, but not good for grapefruit or the kumquat. (Towns.)

68979. *EREMURUS HIMALAICUS* × *ROBUSTUS*. Liliaceae. Desert candle.

From Stockholm, Sweden. Seeds presented by Dr. Robert Fries, director, botanic garden. Received December 13, 1926.

A tall, hardy, ornamental, perennial yuccalike plant with rosy white flowers. The parents are native to central Asia.

68980. *SCHINOPSIS LORENTZII* (Griseb.)  
Engl. (*Quebrachia lorentzii* Griseb.).  
Anacardiaceae. Quebracho.

From Tucuman, Argentina. Seeds presented by Dr. William E. Cross, Director, Estación Experimental Agrícola. Received December 10, 1926.

An Argentine timber tree with leathery, compound leaves and branched clusters of small flowers. The wood is very hard and durable, and the bark yields an important tannin of commerce.

For previous introduction see No. 43548.

## 68981 to 68995.

From Manchuria. Seeds obtained by P. H. Dorsett, agricultural explorer, Bureau of Plant Industry. Received December 8, 1926.

68981. *EUONYMUS* sp. Celastraceae.

No. 8363. Ertsegtientzu. October 24, 1926. *Nuan shu tiao tzu* (warming tree). This tree is said to grow on the hillside, and the wood is used for making whip handles and walking sticks.

68982. *HEMEROCALLIS* sp. Liliaceae.  
Day lily.

No. 8350. Bokotu, Heilungkiang Province. October 24, 1926. *Huang hua* (yellow flower lily).

68983. *IRIS* sp. Iridaceae.

No. 8356. Bokotu, Heilungkiang Province. October 24, 1926. *Ma tien hua* (horse lily flower).

68984. *LESPEDEZA BICOLOR* Turcz. Fabaceae.  
Shrub bush clover.

No. 8355. Bokotu, Heilungkiang Province. October 24, 1926. *Shan sao chu* (wild broom plant).