

4398. LANDOLPHIA KLEINII.

From France. Received February 10, 1900.
(See No. 4397.) Distributed.

4399. FICUS ELASTICA.**Assam rubber.**

From France. Received February 14, 1900.

"Assam rubber comes mostly from *Ficus elastica*. A little of it is derived from *Urostigma laciferum*. *Ficus elastica* grows in the hot mountain valleys of the Himalayas, between 70° and 80° east longitude, where the air remains warm and damp and the mercury stands at 38° C. in the shade." (*Semmler*.) Distributed.

4400. FICUS RELIGIOSA.**Fig of Scripture.**

From France. Received February 14, 1900.

Somewhat similar to No. 4399 in that it is the source of a commercial rubber in the East Indies. Distributed.

4401. PITHECOLOBIUM SAMAN.**Rain tree.**

From France. Received February 14, 1900.

Inga Saman. The pods of this West Indian tree are useful for forage, resembling those of the mesquite bean. The tree has been recommended as a nurse tree in banana or coffee plantations. (See No. 2724, Inventory No. 7.)

4402. BETA VULGARIS.**Sugar beet.**

From Germany. Presented by Mr. Ad. Strandes, of Rittergut, Zehringen bei Cöthen. Received February 15, 1900.

Zehringen Elite, from polarized mother beets. Distributed.

4403. ZEA MAYS.**Sugar corn.**

From New York. Received February 14, 1900.

Stowell's Evergreen.

4404. TRITICUM VULGARE.**Wheat.**

From Minnesota. Received February 16, 1900.

Wellman's Fife. An improved strain of the "Saskatchewan" and further improved through rigid seed selection by Mr. D. L. Wellman, of Frazee City, Minn. Claimed to be particularly hardy, productive, and rust-resistant. A bald variety with medium-sized hard, red grains. Should be sown as early in the spring as the weather will permit. Adapted to all Northern spring-wheat districts.

4405. ANDROPOGON SORGHUM.**Sorghum.**

From Missouri. Received February 15, 1900. Presented by Mr. W. P. Griffin, of Altamont.

An improved variety, originated by Mr. Griffin. It is better adapted for sirup than the Amber cane, because the juice does not granulate so readily. The cane is stout, erect, firmly rooted. It matures in 12 to 14 weeks, and is a heavy yielder both of juice and seed.

4406. AVENA SATIVA.**Oat.**

From Texas. Received February 13, 1900.

Texas Rust-proof. This prolific variety of red oat is very popular in Texas and other portions of the Southern States, particularly because of its rust-resisting qualities, as the oat crop in that region is often ruined by rust if ordinary varieties are sown. It should be sown in the fall or early in the spring. It is one of the best varieties for the South.