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INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT

During the period represented by this inventory David Fairchild continued his explorations of the countries on the West Coast of Africa, including the Gold Coast, Cameroon, Gambia, and French Guinea. Included in his collections were ornamental trees and shrubs and also a number of local varieties of fruits and vegetables, all tropical or subtropical in their requirements.

An interesting series of cotton varieties (*Gossypium* spp.; Nos. 73125 to 73137) was obtained in French West Africa by R. H. Forbes, Compagnie Générale des Colonies. The curator of the Lloyd Botanic Garden at Darjiling, India, G. H. Cave, presented a number of ornamental perennials and woody plants (Nos. 73140 to 73155) adapted for growing in the southern United States. A rather large collection of new or rare woody ornamentals (Nos. 73401 to 73450), largely from eastern Asia, was presented by Vicary Gibbs, Aldenham House Gardens, Herts, England. From the botanic garden at Tashkent, Turkestan, Russia, there were obtained seeds of a miscellaneous collection (Nos. 73595 to 73619, 73810 to 73819) of hardy fruits, vegetables, cereals, and ornamentals, which will be tested in the colder parts of the United States. A collection of seeds consisting chiefly of cereal varieties and also adapted for trial in the northern part of this country (Nos. 74023 to 74111) was presented by the bureau of introduction, Institute of Applied Botany, Leningrad, Russia.

The botanical determinations of introductions have been made and the nomenclature determined by H. C. Skeels, and the descriptive matter has been prepared under the direction of Paul Russell, who has had general supervision of this inventory.

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