

75286 to 75403—Continued.

75324. *ERLANGEA CORDIFOLIA* (Benth.) S. Moore.
Asteraceae.

No. 79. Kabiti, near Nairobi, Kenya Colony, July 8, 1927. A tropical herbaceous plant with an abundance of deep-purple, tubular-shaped flowers in heads. The stems are purple at the base and light green at the top, and are finely pubescent. The alternate leaves have a soft white pubescence beneath.

75325. *FESTUCA* sp. Poaceae. Grass.

No. 175. July 31, 1927. A grass frequent on the Kinangop Plains, just below the Kinangop Forest Station, Kenya Colony.

75326. *FESTUCA* sp. Poaceae. Grass.

No. 229. A rare grass of good forage habit, growing at Uplands, Kenya Colony, July 26, 1927.

75327. *GLADIOLUS* sp. Iridaceae.

No. 161. July 28, 1927. Bulblets of a red herbaceous perennial found in a cedar forest above the Kinangop Forest Station. This gladiolus frequently grows at an altitude of 10,000 feet. It is possibly a common and well-known species, but is said to be strictly confined to the higher altitudes in the Aberdares and in West Kenya (Mount Kenya).

75328. *GUIZOTIA ABYSSINICA* (L. f.) Cass. Asteraceae.

No. 281. Southern Rhodesia. An annual plant, 6 to 8 feet high, with showy yellow flower heads. The black, shining seeds furnish the Niger oil of commerce.

For previous introduction see No. 58471.

75329. *HARPACHNE SCHIMPERI* Hochst. Poaceae. Grass.

No. 86. A stout annual grass found on hill-sides and parched shallow soil between Kabiti and Kikuyu, near Nairobi, Kenya Colony, July 9, 1927. It has caespitose stems up to a foot high, and narrow leaves up to 6 inches long. The lax, secund spikes are from 1 to 3 inches long.

For previous introduction see No. 51594.

75330 and 75331. *HELIANTHUS ANNUUS* L. Asteraceae. Sunflower.

From Southern Rhodesia.

75330. No. 275. 75331. No. 276.

75332. *HIBISCUS* sp. Malvaceae.

No. 42. July 2, 1927. A yellow-flowered, tropical shrub, 3 to 4 feet high, found near Nairobi, Kenya Colony.

75333 to 75335. *HYPARRHENIA* spp. Poaceae. Grass.

75333. *HYPARRHENIA* sp.

No. 70. Near Nairobi, Kenya Colony, July 4, 1927. A bunch grass, 3 to 5 feet high, with harsh bluish leaves.

75334. *HYPARRHENIA* sp.

No. 160. July 27, 1927. An oatlike grass found on the Kinangop Plains, Kenya Colony.

75335. *HYPARRHENIA* sp.

No. 225. Near Scott Agricultural Laboratory, Kenya Colony. One of the most common grasses in the old fields of the Kikuyu Reserve, near Nairobi, Kenya Colony. It is always part of the general mixture of grasses and is never seen in pure stand.

75336. *LATHYRUS SATIVUS* L. Fabaceae. Bitter vetch.

No. 274. Southern Rhodesia. Wedge.

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75337. *LEPTOCHLOA OBTUSIFLORA* Hochst. Poaceae. Grass.

No. 215. Scott Agricultural Laboratory, Kenya Colony. A handsome grass of medium height, quite common on the plains, though not indigenous. In the region of Nairobi it is not leafy enough for good forage.

75338 and 75339. *LINUM USITATISSIMUM* L. Linaceae. Flax.

From Southern Rhodesia.

75338. No. 284. A small-seeded variety.

75339. No. 285. A large-seeded variety.

75340. *MOMORDICA* sp. Cucurbitaceae.

No. 74. A tendrill-bearing vine found at Kabiti, near Nairobi, Kenya Colony, July 8, 1927. There are five serrate sharp-pointed leaflets, about 2 inches long, covered with soft, thin pubescence. The middle leaflet is larger and the two inner ones small, and the midrib is at one side. The ovoid fruits, 2 to 4 inches long, have angular ridges the entire length, and the thick soft pulpy outer flesh is pink to orange. The seeds, with black and white markings, are enveloped in the red inner flesh.

75341. *MOMORDICA* sp. Cucurbitaceae.

No. 101. Region of Kabiti, near Nairobi, Kenya Colony, July 11, 1927. A tendrill-bearing vine with simple, heart-shaped, serrate leaves. The fruits, tinged with orange, are covered with dense soft spines, and the seeds are enveloped in the red pulp, as are those of No. 74 [No. 75340].

75342. *ORYZA SATIVA* L. Poaceae. Rice.

No. 286. From Southern Rhodesia. *Water-burne*.

75343. *PASPALUM SCROBICULATUM* L. Poaceae. Grass.

No. 210. Scott Agricultural Laboratory, Nairobi, Kenya Colony. A creeping grass, forming a heavy mat, which is very resistant to drought, though no more so than *Paspalum notatum* and *P. dilatatum*. It does not occur in the grazing areas and only sparingly in the bush. This variety seeds well, but the seed heads are mixed with the foliage, making the harvesting difficult.

For previous introduction see No. 56789.

75344. *PASSIFLORA EDULIS* Sims. Passifloraceae. Purple granadilla.

From Lemora, Kenya Colony. A locally grown variety.

75345 to 75348. *PENNISETUM* spp. Poaceae. Grass.

75345. *PENNISETUM CILIARE* (L.) Link (*P. cenchroides* Rich.).

No. 212. Scott Agricultural Laboratory, Nairobi, Kenya Colony. Originally from a dry region near Archeis Station, in the arid Northern Frontier Province. A very promising grass for semiarid places. At Nairobi it produces a fine leafy growth of excellent forage appearance. There is an abundance of seeds in heads resembling those of crimson clover when ripe. The seeds strip easily while the remainder of the plant is still green.

For previous introduction see No. 51648.

75346. *PENNISETUM* sp.

No. 176. A grass abundant on the plains near the Kinangop Forest Station, Kenya Colony, July 31, 1927.