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INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT

This inventory, which records the materials passing through the Office of Foreign Plant Introduction from January 1 to March 31, 1928, is of interest to the reader as a promise of a great variety of ornamental plants that have been brought in for testing and eventual distribution. And here, even at the risk of tiresome repetition, it must be noted that the inventory is not a catalogue from which plants may be ordered. It is a historical document, a matter of record, and no more.

This particular inventory records another attempt to establish ornamental species of onions, which are said to be valuable for rock-garden planting. As their seeds are of short viability, their introduction in this way is always problematical.

The barberries were collected for specific use in studies conducted in the department and are not to be available for distribution.

Several oriental cherries are included in the general effort to make as complete a collection as possible of all the flowering varieties, which have been a special study of the office ever since their first introduction in 1903.

The various clematis species are more of botanical interest than horticultural value except *Clematis armandi* (No. 76013), a beautiful tender species which is not yet established in this country, and the hybrid (*C. montana rubens* × *vedrariensis rosea*, No. 76341) which should prove valuable if it in any way resembles its seed parent.

No genus of shrubs has called forth more comment in recent years than the cotoneasters, of which there are 16 in this list. The species are by no means of equal value and must be carefully compared to choose those of greatest garden merit. Among those mentioned here, *C. apiculata* (No. 76231) is of striking beauty with low spreading growth and large rosy red fruits, and *C. hupehensis* (No. 76234) is a fine red-fruited shrub of considerable vigor.