

77884 to 77951—Continued.

77929. MEGISTOSTEGIUM RETUSUM
Hochr. Malvaceae.

South of Lake Tsimanampetsotsa. A tree, native to Madagascar, 12 to 15 feet high, with thick, tortuous branches, gray, wrinkled bark, clusters of broadly elliptic, whitish leaves at the ends of the branches, and axillary, solitary flowers about 2½ inches across.

77930. PACHYPODIUM sp. Apocynaceae.

Diego Suarez, Montagne des Français, October 7, 1928. A white-flowered, very thorny succulent ornamental, about 12 feet high, which is especially promising for rock gardens.

77931. RUBUS sp. Rosaceae.

Ambalavao, September 20, 1928. This, or a similar species, occurs throughout much of Madagascar.

77932. SECAMONE sp. Asclepiadaceae.

Ysalo, Ranohira, July 30, 1928. A rubber-bearing shrub.

77933. SENECIO ANTANDROI S. Elliott.
Asteraceae.

Upper Valley of Fiherenana, September 19, 1928. A shrubby composite, native to Madagascar, with subcylindrical leaves nearly 2 inches long, and small flower heads in lax corymbs.

77934. SENECIO sp. Asteraceae.

Between Betroka and Ihosy, September 19, 1928. An ornamental, native to Madagascar.

77935. STERBOSPERMUM sp. Bignoniaceae.

Upper Valley of Fiherenana, August 1, 1928. An ornamental tree, about 18 feet high, native to Madagascar.

77936. STRYCHNOS sp. Loganiaceae.

Obtained in the market at Maevatanana, July 6, 1928.

77937. URENA LOBATA L. Malvaceae.

Madriovala, Valley of Betsiboka, July 5, 1928. *Tsikitenjy* (Malagasy); *pace* (French). An erect undershrub with cordate entire or lobed leaves 2 to 3 inches long, flowers an inch across, rose-red at the base, and small fruits armed with hooked bristles. The stems furnish a fiber used for bags and twine.

For previous introduction see No. 77325.

77938. VERNONIA sp. Asteraceae.

Amber Mountains, Diego Suarez, October 6, 1928. A plant about 6 feet high, with lilac flowers.

77939. (Undetermined.)

Between Betroka and Ihosy, September 19, 1928. A rubber-bearing climbing shrub.

77940. (Undetermined.)

Between Betroka and Ihosy, September 19, 1928. A rubber-bearing liane which is different from No. 77939.

77941. (Undetermined.)

Between Lake Tsimanampetsotsa and Itampolo, August 22, 1928. A rubber-bearing plant.

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77942. (Undetermined.)

Ampanihy, September 6, 1928. *Boka*. A rubber-bearing plant which furnishes a poor substitute for the good *kompitso* [No. 77926].

77943. (Undetermined.)

Ihosy, July 29, 1928. A rubber-bearing plant with large fruits. It may be the same plant as Nos. 78470 and 78472.

77944. (Undetermined.)

Amber Mountains, Diego Suarez, October 6, 1928. A yellow-flowered composite.

77945. (Undetermined.)

Amber Mountains, Diego Suarez, October 6, 1928. An ornamental blue-flowered subshrub about 3 feet high.

77946. (Undetermined.)

Diego Suarez, Montagne des Français, October 7, 1928. An ornamental shrub with orange flowers.

77947. (Undetermined.)

Ampanihy, September 7, 1928. *Alombora*. A leguminous tree about 45 feet high, the source of leety, of which a considerable quantity is shipped from Ampanihy to be used as a substitute for Japanese lac.

77948. HIBISCUS SURATTENSIS L. Malvaceae.

Anjouan, Mutsamudu, Comoro Islands. An ornamental malvaceous creeper with large orange and red flowers 4 inches in diameter.

77949. (Undetermined.)

La Table, Tullear, August 7, 1928.

77950. (Undetermined.)

Highway between Ihosy and Ambalavao, September 20, 1928. An ornamental shrub about 6 feet high, with orange-red flowers. It is very similar to No. 77951.

77951. WOODFORDIA FRUCTICOSA PUNCTATA (Buch.-Ham.) Koehne. Lythraceae.

Diego Suarez, Montagne des Français. An ornamental shrub about 6 feet high, with orange-red flowers. It is very similar to No. 77950.

77952. FICUS ROXBURGHII Wall. Moraceae. Fig.

From Orotava, Tenerife, Canary Islands. Plant presented by Juan Bollnaga, director of the Orotava Botanic Gardens, through Raleigh A. Gibson, American consul, Tenerife. Received July 14, 1928. Numbered in November, 1928.

A low spreading evergreen tree, native to India, 20 to 30 feet high, with broadly ovate-cordate entire or toothed leaves and russet-brown or purple fruits 2 inches in diameter.

For previous introduction see No. 77050.

77953 and 77954.

From Madagascar. Seeds collected by Charles F. Swingle, Bureau of Plant Industry, and Dr. Henri Humbert, University of Algiers, Algeria. Received in November, 1928.