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PLANT MATERIAL INTRODUCED BY THE OFFICE OF FOREIGN PLANT INTRODUCTION, BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY, JANUARY 1 TO MARCH 31, 1929 (NOS. 78509 TO 80018)

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INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT

The plant material included in this inventory (Nos. 78509 to 80018) for the period January 1 to March 31, 1929, reflects very largely testing experiments undertaken by the office with ornamental plants in several important genera. In nearly all cases the material recorded was secured by the purchase of seed, and, as is always true of such undertakings, some seed has given no germination, with the result that the experiments are not as advanced as might appear. This is particularly true of the sedums, the primulas, and the gentians, which form conspicuous parts of the inventory.

The gardener will also notice the various other ornamentals, including the houseleeks, cyclamen, and ericas for more northern gardens; aloes, agaves, and mesembryanthemums for the South and Southwest, with the possible addition of the very interesting kalanchoes and the gingerlilies. The latter represent a collection purchased from India to see if other species might not be found for general use in the Southern and Gulf States.

A preliminary and not altogether successful importation of plants of various daphnes that should be included among our ornamental shrubs shows that repeated efforts should be made to establish these charming plants.

Several collections of acacias, banksias, grevilleas, and Ficus species should prove of interest in frost-free regions, particularly on the Pacific coast.

This inventory includes also large collections of oaks, castanopsis, and chestnuts obtained by R. Kent Beattie; a collection of oat varieties, presented by the director of the Sveriges Utsädesförening, Svalöf, Sweden; and a collection of seeds presented by Maj. Lionel de Rothschild from material collected by Capt. F. Kingdon Ward in Assam.

Especially because this inventory lists so many seeds, it should be repeated that this is merely a record of material received and does not represent a catalogue of available plants.

The botanical determinations of these introductions have been made and the nomenclature determined by H. C. Skeels, who has had general supervision of this inventory.

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