

of this *Indigofera* are said to be eaten in Kangra as a pot-herb. This species is prized as fodder for sheep and goats, and buffalos are also said to be very fond of it".

*Jasminum humile*. (Oleaceae.) 39120. Seeds of a jasmine from Darjeeling, India. "A small, erect, rigid, yellow flowered shrub, native of the sub-tropical Himalayas from Kashmir to Nepal, at altitudes of from 2000 to 5000 feet; found also in south India and Ceylon, from 2000 to 6000 feet. It is widely cultivated throughout the gardens of India. In the Kurram valley a yellow dye is extracted from the roots. Like many other jasmines, this species bears flowers which yield an aromatic essential oil used in native perfumery."

*Meconopsis wallichii*. (Papaveraceae.) 39022. Seeds from Darjeeling, India. "This is undoubtedly one of the finest of the poppyworts in cultivation. It is an extremely handsome herbaceous perennial, and is remarkable, being one of the few, if not the only true blue-flowered poppy in cultivation at the present time. It attains a height of from 4 to 7 feet and forms a perfect pyramid. It is exceedingly beautiful when in full flower. The blossoms are about three inches in diameter, broadly saucer shaped, pendent and of a lovely shade of blue. The blooms always commence to open at the summit of the stem, then gradually from day to day expand until the lowest and last bud is reached." (The Garden, July 12, 1913.)

*Pedicularis* spp. (Scrophulariaceae.) 39031-037. Seeds of seven varieties of lousewort from Darjeeling, India. Many of this interesting genus are handsome perennials suitable for borders' but in cultivation almost all have proven short-lived' perhaps because of some dependence on the root systems surrounding plants in their native habitats.

*Picrorhiza kurroa*. (scrophulariaceae.) 39041. Seeds from Darjeeling, India. "A low, more or less hairy herb, with a perennial woody, bitter rootstock, common on the alpine Himalayas from Kashmir to Sikkim at altitudes of 9000 to 15000 feet. The root of this species is used in medicine in case of fever and dyspepsia, and as an ingredient of various purgatives."

*Piptanthus nepalensis*. (Fabaceae.) 39043, 39128. Seeds from Darjeeling, India. "A shrub ten feet high with loose racemes of large yellow flowers, found on the temperate slopes of the Himalayas at an elevation of 7000 to 9000 feet, from Simla to Bhotan."