

*Alloteropsis semialata* (R.Br.) Hitchc. (Poaceae.) 41751. Seeds of silver grass from the Australian Exhibit at the Panama Pacific International Exposition, San Francisco, California. Procured by Mr. Roland McKee. "White-topped grass, good pasturage, 2 feet." (McKee.)

*Amygdalus tangutica* (Batal.) Korsh. (Amygdalaceae.) 41708 & 41709. Rough and smooth shelled seeds of Tangutian almond received from Taochow, Old City, Kansu, China. Presented by Rev. C. F. Snyder, at request of Mr. F. N. Meyer. "A variable species of bush-almond and though its kernels are bitter and it throws up a lot of stems and is spiny, still I believe it has a decided value as a factor in breeding experiments, for it seems to be very hardy and drought resistant. One finds it mainly on sheltered rocky and loess slopes at elevations from 4,000 feet up to about 10,000 feet above sea. In these higher regions, however, it does not get as cold as one would surmise, for the mountains all around keep off the intense cold. As a stock for almonds and for other stone fruits, I scarcely would recommend this Tangut almond, since it suckers badly and since these suckers are very hard to remove." (Meyer.)

*Chamaedorea tepejilote* Liebm. (Phoenicaceae.) 41705. Seeds of a palm from Zacuapam, Vera Cruz, Mexico. Presented by Dr. C. A. Purpus. "The undeveloped flower makes an excellent vegetable and is eaten in the State of Vera Cruz everywhere. Besides this, it is a fine little palm. Shady places." (Purpus.)

*Chayota edulis* Jacq. (Cucurbitaceae.) 41800-41801. Seeds of large white and large green varieties of chayote from Adjuntas, Porto Rico. Presented by Mr. Bartolomé Barceló. "These varieties produce well in this country on the borders of ravines in cool places, as in pits, and they are best produced in cool places which have a stream of water. In such places they yield abundantly. The white variety is more appreciated than the green. Here they are used for salads and the country people also feed them to pigs." (Barceló.)

*Corylus ferox* Wallich. (Betulaceae.) 41812. Hazel seeds from Darjeeling, India. Presented by Mr. G. H. Cave, Lloyd Botanic Garden. "This is a small tree native of Nepal and Sikkim found growing at altitudes ranging from 8,000 to 10,000 feet. The fruit which has an edible kernel is covered with a prickly cup. The wood is pinkish-white in color, moderately hard and even grained." (Watt's Dictionary of the Economic Products of India.)

*Diospyros kaki* L. f. (Diospyraceae.) 41691-41702, 41779-41793. Cuttings of 27 varieties of persimmon from Okitsu, Japan. Presented by Prof. I. Ishiwara, Horticultural Experiment Station.