

*Aesculus plantierensis* Andre. (Aesculaceae.) 41961. Cuttings of a hybrid horse-chestnut from Kew, England. Presented by Sir David Prain, Director, Royal Botanic Gardens. "A hybrid raised in the nursery of Messrs. Simon-Louis Frères, at Plantières, near Metz; its parents no doubt *A. hippocastanum* and *A. carnea*. The seed came from the former, so that it is (if the generally accepted parentage of *A. carnea* be correct) three-fourths common horse-chestnut and one part the red buckeye (*A. pavia*). It shows the character of both its parents in the leaf; the leaflets being stalkless, as in *A. hippocastanum*, yet showing the strongly ridged and uneven surface of *A. carnea*. In shape and size the panicle is like that of *A. hippocastanum*, but the whole flower is suffused with a charming shade of soft pink, which it inherits from the other parent. In habit and general appearance it is intermediate. It has flowered at Kew for several years past, and I consider it a very beautiful and desirable acquisition. It has developed no fruit at Kew, and I understand from Mr. Jouin, of Plantières, that it does not bear seed in the nursery. For public places this is an advantage." (W. J. Bean, Trees and Shrubs Hardy in the British Isles, Vol. 1, p. 173.)

*Andropogon* spp. (Poaceae.) 41885-41891. Grass seeds from Kirkee, India. Presented by Mr. William Burns, Economic Botanist. 41885. *A. annulatus* Forsk. "An abundant, native perennial grass in India, much used for fodder, both the yield and quality being good. It belongs to a group of species which are closely interrelated, but all furnish fairly good forage. The species are well adapted to Gulf Coast conditions and are at present the subject of careful investigation as the best of them will probably be worthy of cultivation. *A. annulatus* is a wide-spread species over Africa and southern Asia. The vernacular name commonly used in Punjab is *palwan*. Closely related species are *A. pertusus* (the sour-grass of Barbados), *A. caricosus*, and *A. bifoveolatus*." (C.V. Piper.) 41886. *A. caricosus* L. "A species much like the preceding and of similar value. Introduced in Antigua where it is valued as a hay grass." (Piper.) 41888. *A. lawsoni* Hook. f. "A perennial species with creeping rootstocks, native to Mysore, India." (Piper.) 41889. *A. odoratus* Lisboa. "A species with odorous herbage and stems 3 to 4 feet high, thick as a goose quill. Native to Deccan, India." (Piper.) 41890. *A. pumilus* Roxb. "A slender species with stems 6 to 18 inches high; native in the drier parts of India." (Piper.) 41891. *A. purpureosericeus* Hochst. "An annual species with stems 3 to 4 feet high. Native to Abyssinia and India." (Piper.)