

RECENT VISITORS.

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The Printed Inventory is now issued for Numbers 22511 to 23322. This covers the period from April 1 to June 30, 1908. It comprises 812 numbers including plants secured by Frank N. Meyer in China. Among these are some especially interesting shade and ornamental trees from the barren mountains of the Wutai, where the climatic conditions are similar to those in our Northwestern states. His introductions from other parts of China include four varieties of the strawberry tree (*Myrica nagi*); the evergreen chestnut (*Castanopsis tibetana*); a promising dry land elm (*Ulmus pumila*) from Manchuria for the Northwest; the remarkable white barked pine (*Pinus bungeana*); four species of lilac as yet undetermined; five species of Chinese roses; a very unusual collection of 29 forms of bamboos, some of which are hardy enough to grow in the climate of Peking which resembles that of Philadelphia; and many other valuable things.

Consul Magelssen of Bagdad secured for us one of the most successful collections of Arabian date palm suckers.

Among other interesting things secured by correspondence during this period may be mentioned Cork acorns from southern Spain; a summer orange called the Natsu mikan from Japan; a collection of Indian green manure and fodder plants from Nimboli; a broad-leaved variety of alfalfa from Elche, Spain; a collection of taros from Cochin China; a collection of rare sorghums from Entebbe, Uganda; the sugar palm from the East Indies; the white Alfonso mango from Bombay; and a unique collection of wild and cultivated potatoes from the archipelago of Chiloe, Chile.