

*Soja max* (L.) Piper. (Fabaceae.) 44212. Soybeans from Malanyü, Chihli province, China. *Ch'ing tou*, meaning 'Green bean'. A green variety of soybean, often used as an appetizer with meals, when slightly sprouted and salted, or when fried and salted." (Meyer.)

*Vigna sinensis* (Torner) Savi. (Fabaceae.) 44218. Cowpeas from China. Collected by Mr. Frank N. Meyer. "*No ling tan Chiang tou*, meaning 'Wren's egg precious bean'. A speckled variety of cowpea with white top. Cowpeas are in great favor with the Chinese as a human food; they are eaten boiled with rice, stewed in meat-dishes and cooked in soups; they are believed to promote speedy excretion of waste matter from the body." (Meyer.)

*Zea mays* L. (Poaceae.) 44204. Seed corn from Malanyü, Chihli province, China. Collected by Mr. Frank N. Meyer, November 25, 1916. "*Yu mi*, meaning 'Imperial rice'. A large-grained, yellow flint maize, cultivated on rich bottom-lands in the mountains." (Meyer.)

#### NOTES ON BEHAVIOUR OF PREVIOUS INTRODUCTIONS.

*Abelmoschus esculentus* (33749) Okra. An Egyptian Variety presented by Mr. E. A. McIlhenny. Mrs. Anna Breckwold of Hammond, Louisiana, in her letter of November 20, 1916, says: "No. 33749, okra, is the most prolific strain I ever saw. It is certainly doing well. I saved a great deal of seed as every one who saw it wanted some." Mrs. J. W. Clark of Georgetown, Texas, also says that the okra proved "all that the description claimed for it. My plants were full of pods when cut down by the freeze last week."

*Abelmoschus manihot* (18580) This plant (from Peking, China) is reported to have "flowered continuously with the seed pods cut off; blooms enormous, open blossoms were frozen on it." (Mrs. J. W. Clark, Georgetown, Texas.)

*Aleurites fordii* (27518) Tung-oil tree from China. A letter from Mr. F. D. Leaming, Little Rock, Arkansas November 14, 1916 states that his tung-oil tree received in 1912 bore this year nearly a bushel of fruits which made nearly a peck of nuts after the flesh was removed.