

*Rosa rubus* Leveille & Vant. (Rosaceae.) 44546. **Rose** seeds from Ventimiglia, Italy. Presented by the Superintendent, La Mortola Botanic Gardens. A climbing shrub, common everywhere in western Hupeh and eastern Szechwan, China, from river-level to an elevation of 1300 m. (4200 feet.) It is readily distinguished from its near relatives by the densely hairy shoots and leaves, and grows to a height of 2.5 to 4 m. (8 to 13 feet), with dull red, globose fruits. (Adapted from C. S. Sargent, *Plantae Wilsonianae*, vol. 2, part 2, pp. 308, 309.)

*Solanum tuberosum* L. (Solanaceae.) 44580. **Potato** tubers from Bogotá, Colombia. Presented by Mr. Jorge Ancizar. *Papa criolla*, or Creole potato. The tubers are shaped like those of the common potato but are only about an inch in the shortest diameter. They are said to mature in three months; and are reported to be delicious when fried in their skins.

*Styrax wilsonii* Rehder. (Styracaceae.) 44595. Plants from Orléans, France. Purchased from Messrs. Léon Chenault & Son. A very ornamental, deciduous shrub, 6 to 10 feet high; native of western China. Twiggy and much-branched, with ovate, green leaves,  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 1 inch long, usually entire but sometimes with the ends 3-lobed or sparsely toothed. The solitary, nodding flowers are pure glistening white,  $\frac{5}{8}$  to  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch wide, and are produced in June on short stalks from the leaf-axils. The shrub is remarkable in that it begins to flower when only a few inches high and two or three years old. It is probably hardy as far north as Philadelphia. (Adapted from W. J. Bean, *Trees and Shrubs Hardy in the British Isles*, vol. 2, p. 560, and from A. Rehder, in *Bailey, Standard Cyclopedia of Horticulture*, vol. 6, p. 3279.)

*Viburnum kansuense* Batalin. (Caprifoliaceae.) 44547. Seeds from Ventimiglia, Italy. Presented by the Superintendent, La Mortola Botanic Gardens. A tall Chinese shrub, of loose and open habit, found at elevations of 6000 to 9000 feet. It has oblong leaves, and juicy, red berries which are used in making agreeable drinks. (Adapted from note of Frank N. Meyer, May 11, 1915.)