

EUONYMOIDES EXCELSA. 24876. Seed from Wellington, New Zealand. Presented by Mr. T. E. Donne. Received Mar. 8. "The titoki is a handsome evergreen tree from 40 feet to 60 feet high, with a trunk sometimes 3 feet in diameter but usually smaller. The fruit is both singular and handsome; when ripe it is 1/3 in. long and almost woody. It is one-celled and contains a single pear-shaped black seed, which is surrounded by a bright scarlet fleshy cup and has a granulated surface. The fiery scarlet of the aril and the glossy jet black seed form a pleasing contrast, which is harmonized by the deep russet pubescence of the fruit vessel. The flowers are produced during the months of Nov. and Dec.; the fruit requires a year to arrive at maturity so that flowers and ripe fruit may be found on the tree at the same time. Although the titoki does not afford a durable timber under exposure, it is justly valued on account of its great strength, toughness and elasticity, while it is straight in the grain, even, compact and easily worked. It is of a light reddish color and destitute of figure. It is most highly esteemed by the wheelwright and coachbuilder, being used for light spokes, felloes, hubs, panels and bent ware; it is also suitable for the manufacture of the woodwork of many kinds of agricultural implements." (Kirk: For. Fl. of New Zealand.) For propagation; plants available later.

FAGOPYRUM ESCULENTUM. 24850. Received thru Mr. E. H. Wilson of the Arnold Arboretum, Feb. 4. "Ku ch'iao is the buckwheat commonly cultivated to the west and southeast of Tatieu lu, China." (Wilson.) For distribution by the Office of Grain Investigations.

GERANIUM. 25068. From Algeria. Presented by Dr. L. Trabut. Received March 19. "Cuttings of oil geranium cultivated in Algeria. This variety does not seed." (Trabut.) Secured for Drug Plant Investigations. Not available for distribution.