

plants produce abundantly. While not a fruit likely to become of great importance in the United States, it possesses sufficient interest and value to merit a trial. The regions in which it seems likely to succeed are, Florida, southern Texas, and California." (Popenoe.)

*Pennisetum merkeri* (Poaceae), 45572. **Napier fodder-grass.** From Rhodesia. Presented by Mr. J. Burt-Davy, Botanist, Agricultural Supply Association, Johannesburg, South Africa. "The great value of prolific and drouth-resistant fodder plants, which are generally very difficult to procure, is well known to stock owners; and this species which is but little known, as yet, can be most highly recommended for both of these qualities. During the last season, which was very dry and most disastrous for stock, this grass grew to a height of nearly 11 feet and produced a large quantity of succulent, nutritious, and fattening fodder. This is greatly relished by the stock, and is, according to analysis, much richer than green maize. A reliable official says: 'There is a concensus of opinion that in this plant we have found a fodder of great value and one which remains green even during such long periods as from six to eight months when other herbage is parched up or destroyed. It grows rapidly to the height of 12 feet or more in favorable weather, thrives well in various soils, and resists both frost and drought to a remarkable extent. At 7 feet high it has produced 12 tons of green fodder per acre, and a few months later 15 tons, making a total yield of 27 tons per acre. It is everlasting when once established, and the tufts or stools increase in size after each cutting or when grazed off. It should prove of untold value to farmers in South Africa who suffer much loss through frequent and protracted droughts, and in the East Indies and other countries where light rainfall and semi-arid conditions obtain. As a prolific and drought-resistant plant it promises to prove one of the very best brought into cultivation.'" (B. Harrison.) See S.P.I. No. 43241 for previous introduction.

*Pterocarya stenoptera* (Juglandaceae), 45587. From China. Collected by Mr. Frank N. Meyer, Agricultural Explorer for this Department. "(No. 2447a. Kingmen,

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