

*Viburnum dilatatum* (Caprifoliaceae), 45974. From Batum, Russia. Presented by the Superintendent, Botanic Garden. A hardy, handsome, free-flowering shrub, up to 10 feet in height, found in China and Japan. The broadly ovate, abruptly short-pointed, coarsely serrate leaves, 2 to 5 inches long, are pubescent on both sides. The pure white flowers in cymes 3 to 6 inches across, are followed by clusters of scarlet fruits which remain on the branches well into the winter. (Adapted from Bailey, Standard Cyclopedia of Horticulture, vol. 6, p. 3461.)

#### Notes from Correspondents.

Believing that the following letter will prove of interest to our collaborators, inasmuch as it deals almost exclusively with plants with which we are experimenting or that we are trying to secure for experimentation, we are quoting it entire.

"Since returning from Algeria I have been so busy that I have not had time to write you about a number of plants which Dr. Trabut brought to my attention and which may be of interest to this country.

"*Argania*. I am sending you a small quantity of seeds collected from an *Argania* tree growing in a garden in the School of Medicine in Algiers.

"*Berseem*. By 20 years' selection from the Muscawy race, Dr. Trabut has obtained a strain which is perfectly hardy at Algiers. He finds that the best results are obtained by sowing in October, this early sowing giving superior cold resistance. At the Jardin d'Essai, at Algiers, we saw a lawn of drilled alfalfa which it is customary to seed between the rows of *Berseem* in October, thus obtaining a fresh green covering throughout the year. It might be interesting to try this method of seeding *Berseem* for forage purposes in the warmer part of the Southwest.

"*Pinus canariensis*. Dr. Trabut considers this the finest of all pines for planting under rather dry conditions. A dry, steep hillside above the Jardin d'Essai, at Algiers, where the soil is very shallow and must contain extremely limited moisture during the greater part of the year, has a fine stand of these pines. The tree is a very handsome one, often branched, with long pendant needles and large cones.

"*Buxus balearica*. We saw this handsome shrub or small tree growing at Algiers. It is said to be native in the mountains of Morocco as well as in the Balearic