

in this state to allow of any further comment, except that when sown beside Algerian, on the south coast this season, it promised particularly well, and compared more than favorably with that variety from a green-fodder point of view." (Agricultural Gazette, New South Wales, vol. 25, p. 1018.)

*Capsicum annuum* (Solanaceae), 48161. From Santiago de las Vegas, Cuba. Seeds presented by Dr. Mario Calvino, director, Agricultural Experiment Station. "This pepper is grown in Cuba under the name of Creole. The beautiful golden yellow fruit is about 3 inches long by 2 inches thick. The flavor is quite mild." (Peter Bisset.)

*Decaisnea fargesii* (Lardizabalaceae), 48152. From Rochester, N. Y. Presented by Mr. John Dunbar, assistant superintendent of parks. "A very attractive ornamental shrub reminding me somewhat of the Oregon grape (*Berberis aquifolium*) in habit. From E. H. Wilson's collection." (Fairchild.)

An erect shrub, 7 to 16 feet in height, very common in moist woods and thickets in western Hupeh and in Szechwan between 2,000 and 8,500 feet in altitude. The deep-blue fruit contains a white pulp in which are imbedded the numerous, flattened, jet-black seeds. The pulp is edible, but of insipid flavor. The fruits are commonly eaten by monkeys on Mt. Omei and elsewhere in that region. (Adapted from Sargent, *Plantae Wilsonianae*, vol. 1, p. 344.)

*Diospyros* sp. (Diospyraceae), 48162. **Persimmon.** From Puerto Bertoni, Paraguay. Seeds presented by Dr. M. Bertoni. "Kaki silvestre. A species of *Diospyros*, indigenous to the forests of eastern Paraguay, and commonly found in rocky places in the open woods on the banks of the Rio Parana. It is a small tree, 20 to 26 feet high, and quite leafy; it produces a great abundance of almost spherical fruits, about an inch in diameter, which mature in autumn. The tree apparently does not suffer from the effects of temperatures above  $-3^{\circ}$  C. [ $27^{\circ}$  F.] It could possibly be used advantageously as a stock with *Diospyros kaki*." (Bertoni.)

*Entelea arborescens* (Tiliaceae), 48165. From Auckland, New Zealand. Seeds presented by Mr. H. R. Wright. One of the handsomest of small trees, which was once common along the north coast of North Island. In some