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BULLETIN OF FOREIGN PLANT INTRODUCTIONS.

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NEW PLANT IMMIGRANTS.

ACTINIDIA ARGUTA. 25195. From Taracal, Unsan, Korea. Presented by Mr. J. D. Hubbard. Received April 1. "Seeds of the Korean 'Tara' or wild fig. In its wild state here the Tara plant is a wonderfully tough and wiry vine that will climb up trees sometimes to a height of 30 feet. The fruit has a green skin and is the size of a date when ripe. The flavor is different from any fruit I ever tasted and I came from California, the land of fruit. I do not think the vines bear the first year, but after that profusely." (Hubbard.) For propagation; plants available later.

ANDROPOGON SORGHUM. 24956-997. A collection of 42 kinds of milos (24956-964), dwarf milos (24965-970), blackhull kafir (24971-984), red kafir (24985-989), brown kowliang (24990-995) and white durra (24995-997), grown on Government Experiment Farm at Amarillo, Texas, by Mr. John F. Ross season of 1908. Received March 1909. Improved by selection for dwarf stature, erect heads, productiveness and other desirable characteristics by A. H. Leidigh and Carleton R. Ball.

CYPHOMANDRA BETACEA. 25515. Seed of tree tomato from Kingston, Jamaica. Presented by Mr. W. Harris. Received May 13. "This is a species of South American shrub from the mountainous regions of Brazil adjacent to Peru, cultivated occasionally for the egg-shaped, reddish-brown faintly-stripped fruits. Fruits about two inches long, on slender stalks, acid and tomato-like in flavor; agreeable to those who like tomatoes."

GERBERA JAMESONI. 25513. Seed of Barberton daisy from Capetown, South Africa. Presented by H. J. Chalwin. Received May 1. "This has a beautiful flower, orange red in color." (Chalwin.)

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