

excellent preserves. A Syrian friend of mine tells me that in his country this tree is very popular." (Poirault.)

Spiraea myrtilloides (Rosaceae), 52459. From Paris, France. Seeds presented by Vilmorin-Andrieux & Co. A graceful shrub 2 to 3 m. high and excessively spreading. The young branches are chestnut or fuscous-brown and glabrous. The numerous short spurs, densely covered with the persistent fulvously pubescent bud scales and bases of the petioles, give to the two and three-year-old branches a peculiar appearance. The somewhat papery oval leaves are entire, cuneate at the base, glabrous and obscurely bluish green above, paler and laxly pilose beneath. The umbellate, hemispherical racemes are densely many flowered and are borne at the tips of short few-leaved branches. The white flowers, 5 to 6 mm. in diameter, are on graceful pedicels 3 to 6 mm. long. Native to upland thickets at altitudes of 3,000 to 4,000 m. in western Szechwan. (Adapted from Sargent, *Plantae Wilsonianae*, vol. 1, p. 440.)

Triticum aestivum (Poaceae), 52557. **Wheat.** From Cowra, New South Wales. Seeds presented by Mr. J.T. Pridham, plant breeder, Experimental Farm, through Mr. J. A. Clark, U. S. Department of Agriculture. "Wheat No. 24 (A8), pure-line selection of 'Hard Federation.'" (Clark).

An early spring wheat, - short, with strong white straw and erect dense awnless spikes with small hard vitreous white kernels which are very attractive and doubtless would attract buyers and bring a premium over other white wheats on American markets, as is the case in Australia. The plant has the general appearance of 'Federation' in the field but differs in being slightly taller and earlier, in having a square and shorter spike, broader and squarer shoulders, and shorter, rounder, and harder kernels. The variety 'Hard Federation' has been grown commercially in Australia since 1914. During the past few years it has replaced the 'Federation' variety in many sections because of equal yield and better milling quality of grain. (Adapted from *Australian Wheat Varieties in the Pacific Coast Area*, U. S. Department of Agriculture Bulletin No. 887, p. 11.)

Viburnum sieboldii (Caprifoliaceae), 52689. From Paris, France. Plants presented by Vilmorin-Andrieux & Co. A widespreading shrub from Japan, sometimes reaching a