

The following are a collection of seeds from Abyssinia presented by Mr. Hubert S. Smiley regarding which very meager information is at hand. Received June 14.

ANDROPOGON SORGHUM. 25675-677.

BRASSICA SP. 25682.

HORDEUM SP. 25671-72. HORDEUM VULGARE. 25673-74.

PHASEOLUS VULGARIS. 25683.

PISUM. 25680.

SESAMUM ORIENTALE. 25681.

TRITICUM DURUM. 25666-670.

VICIA FABA. 25678-79.

NOTES FROM FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS.

BRAZIL, Th.-Ottoni. Fred Birch, May 13. Is sending trailing beans--an extremely prolific climbing bean. Describes a fruit growing there called the Coupao. The fruit is a bread-like substance tasting like a mixture of nut butter and sweet bananas. It is a gigantic forest tree about 160 feet high and 6 feet in diameter.

BURMA, King-Tung. Mrs. Robert Harper, April 26. In about a month will send mango and custard apple seeds and seeds of the Mak man yau, a plant which yields an oil used for giving light in houses. Lacquer is obtained from a tree called "My-hak." It is obtained about as maple sugar is in America. The lacquer is dark in color, resembling tar; it hardens so rapidly that it has to be kept under water.

CEYLON, Peradeniya. Curator Royal Botanic Garden, June 1. Sends Terminalia belerica.

CHILE, Limavida. Jose D. Husbands, May 23. Says there is a plant grown in the desert of Atacama called Algarobillo (Balsamocarpon brevifolium) which has 40 per cent of tannin in the entire tree--bark, wood and leaves. Will send seeds. Describes 4 kinds of wild blackberries growing there: No. 1. Grows about 15 feet high. Very rank growth--so much so that it is used for fences. Sometimes