

Cupressus sempervirens (Pinaceae), 54918. From Tripoli, Libia. Seeds presented by Dr. O. Fenzi. "This is first found at about 650 feet elevation, but grows at its best above 1,300 feet, where trees 100 feet high and showing the same branching habit as the old cedars of Lebanon are not rare. They are confined to the northern slope of the Cyrenaican plateau, where precipitation is much greater than on the southern slope. The wood is quite heavy and very durable." (Fenzi.)

This is the wild form of a well-known evergreen, and may differ from the varieties now in cultivation.

Fragaria spp. (Rosaceae), 54929 to 54958. **Strawberry.** From Bourg-la-Reine, France. Plants purchased from Millet & Fils. Quoted notes from catalogue of Millet & Fils, unless otherwise stated.

"American strawberry breeders are interested in securing, from all parts of the world, wild species of *Fragaria* as well as hybrids and horticultural varieties. The present collection has been introduced at the recommendation of George M. Darrow of this Department, principally for use in the strawberry breeding work now being conducted by the Department of Agriculture.

"In the development of European strawberries, at least four species have taken part. Prior to 1714, when the large-fruited *Fragaria chiloensis* was introduced into France from Chile, European horticulturists were limited to the small-fruited native strawberries, *F. vesca* (wood-strawberry) and *F. elatior* or *F. moschata* (the 'Hautbois'), to which was added, shortly after 1600, the fine-flavored American species, *F. virginiana*. These three were intercrossed and gave rise to numerous horticultural forms which were in turn crossed with the Chilean species. The specific ancestry of many of the cultivated forms is somewhat obscure and are here listed as *Fragaria* spp." (Wilson Popenoe.)

Fragaria spp. 54929 to 54944.

54929. "'Cyrano de Bergerac.' Derived from 'St. Joseph.'"

54930. "'Jeanne d'Arc.' Resembling the 'St. Joseph,' but more vigorous and with larger fruits." (Robinson, The Vegetable Garden, p. 702.)

54931. "'La Constante.' This is a synonym of 'St. Joseph.'"

54932. "'La Perle.' A variety of the highest merit, with large pink fruits."