

Fragaria vesca semperflorens (Rosaceae), 54996. **Strawberry.** From Edinburgh, Scotland. Seeds presented by Prof. Isaac Bayley Balfour, Royal Botanic Garden. This variety differs from the type (*Fragaria vesca*, the common wood strawberry of Europe) in the greater size of all its parts - the fruit in particular, - and especially in its habit of producing flowers and fruit continuously throughout the summer. In its red color and delicate flavor the fruit is quite similar to that of the type. (Adapted from Robinson, The Vegetable Garden, p. 673.)

Introduced for the use of strawberry breeders.

Girardinia palmata (Urticaceae), 55001. From Sibpur, near Calcutta, India. Seeds presented by Lieut. Col. A. T. Gage, director, Royal Botanic Garden. A stout, erect, tufted plant, 4 to 6 feet in height, growing commonly in the temperate and subtropical regions of the Himalayas, where it ascends to 5,000 feet above the sea. It is generally known as the "Nilghiri nettle," and is of considerable importance in its native country because of the fiber obtained from its stalks. This fiber is very long, white, soft and silky, and is used for making fine fabrics and for mixing with wool. While the plant is described as an annual, it has proved, under cultivation, to be a perennial; the young shoots are cut down twice a year for their fiber. The leaves of this species are used as a vegetable among the hills of the Northwest Provinces. (Adapted from Watt, Dictionary of the Economic Products of India, vol. 3, p. 500.)

Gossypium anomalum (Malvaceae), 55410. **Cotton.** From Asmara, Eritrea. Presented by the director, Eritrea Colonization Service. "This cotton has a short staple, but it is soft and shining like silk. It is used by native textile workers." (Tancredi, Notizie e Studi sulla Colonia Eritrea, p. 110.)

According to one authority this is the only truly wild cotton in Africa; it has been found in Angola and also in the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan. It forms a shrub 5 to 10 feet in height, with rough branches, reddish flowers, and oval capsules about an inch in length. (Adapted from Oliver, Flora of Tropical Africa, vol. 1, p. 211.)

Hibiscus sp. (Malvaceae), 55166-55211. From Honolulu, Hawaii. Cuttings secured by Mrs. J. Rappe Myers,