

ACACIA VERNICIFLUA (Mimosaceae), 56869. From Richmond, Australia. Seeds presented by F. H. Baker. A slender, much branched shrub, with leathery, very narrow phyllodia (leaflike stems) about 2 inches in length, and deep yellow flowers in small heads which are generally in pairs. It is native to the barren hills around Bathurst, New South Wales. (Adapted from Curtis's Botanical Magazine, pl. 3266.)

ANANAS sp. (Bromeliaceae), 56852. Pineapple. From Vicosá, Minas Geraes, Brazil. Seeds presented by P. H. Rolfs, director, Escola Superior de Agricultura e Veterinaria. "(No. 2. March 12, 1923.) From one fruit. This is considered to be a wild pineapple, and is very abundant here. In general the fruits are cylindrical, about 4 inches in diameter and 6 inches long. The crowns are medium sized in comparison with the size of the fruit and crown slips are produced as well as basal ones. In color the fruits vary from white to dull green and red. The leaves are long and narrow, with very rigid and very sharp spines set quite a distance apart; they remind one of the leaves of the 'ananaz ratao' of the Cubans, which also grows wild here. The bract which subtends each segment of the fruit is so large that, when the fruit is ripe, the bract laps over the subtended segment. This pineapple should be useful in hybridization experiments." (Rolfs.)

ANDROCYMBIUM PUNCTATUM (Melanthiaceae), 56821. From Tripoli, Libia, North Africa. Bulbs presented by E. O. Fenzi. A stemless ornamental of the amaryllis family, native to the Cape of Good Hope. The whitish flowers, with green veins and purple stamens, are in a dense umbel surrounded by about four narrow, spreading, bright-green leaves, 5 or 6 inches long. (Adapted from Gardeners' Chronicle, vol. 1, new series, p. 786.)

CARAGANA BOISI (Fabaceae), 56808. Altavana. From Verrieres-le-Buisson, Seine-et-Oise, France. Presented by A. Meunissier. Seeds of a handsome bush 10 to 12 feet high, with long, arching branches, native to Szechwan and eastern Tibet, China. In May the light-green foliage and numerous yellow flowers make this an especially attractive ornamental. (Adapted from letter of A. Meunissier, May 18, 1923.)

CRATAEGUS LAVALLEI (Malaceae), 56810. Hawthorn. From Verrieres-le-Buisson, Seine-et-Oise, France. Scions presented by A. Meunissier. "A tree of garden origin with pure white flowers and red fruits an inch in diameter, well displayed by the rich brown leaves in autumn." (H. C. Skeels.)

CUCUMIS SATIVUS (Cucurbitaceae), 56805. Cucumber. From Jaipur, Rajputana, India. Seeds presented by Sir James Roberts. "This cucumber is