

Bitter has united it to several very closely allied forms in what he calls a collective species, *S. maglia*, the typical form of which occurs only near the coast; a variety, *collinum* (Dunal) Bitter, in the vicinity of Quillota; and another, *witasekianum* Bitter, in the vicinity of Los Vilos, Chile. Among the species closely allied but regarded as distinct by Bitter are *S. weberbaueri* Bitter, growing among the rocks on the Loma of Mollendo, southern Peru; and *S. medians* Bitter, growing on the rocky slopes of the Cerro de Amancaes, near Lima, Peru.

"The specific name *maglia* is taken from 'malla', an Indian vernacular name for this species, according to Molina; the Spanish colonists called the plant 'papa cimarrona,' or 'wild potato.'" (W. E. Safford.)

SOLANUM TUBEROSUM (Solanaceae), 56803. Potato. From Bogota, Colombia. Tubers presented by Brother Ariste Joseph. "The yellow-fleshed potato is one of the most interesting varieties found in the Andean region, home of many remarkable potatoes. The tubers are rather small, and have deep eyes, so that they are not as easily prepared for the table as those of some other varieties; but in point of quality they yield to none that I have tasted. The flesh is the color of American butter, and has a rich, nutty flavor suggesting that of the chestnut. It seems to me the variety might be improved, so as to do away with the objectionable eyes, and that it would then be worth extensive cultivation." (Wilson Popenoe.)

SORGHUM ARUNDINACEUM (Poaceae), 56801. From Salisbury, Rhodesia. Seeds presented by H. G. Mundy, Chief Agriculturist and Botanist of the British South Africa Co., through H. N. Vinal, Bureau of Plant Industry. "This is called locally 'perennial Sudan grass;' it is closely related to Sudan grass. In its natural habitat it grows on heavy, black, fertile lands, and is apparently quite perennial. It does not spread by underground roots, but volunteers very freely from seed, especially where the land has been cultivated. The stems are somewhat woodier and more canelike than those of Sudan grass." (Mundy.)

TACSONIA sp. (Passifloraceae), 57215. From Bogota, Colombia. Seeds presented by Brother Artiste Joseph. "One of the curubas from the region of Bogota, where there are several, esteemed both for their ornamental value and their fruits, which are usually the size of small cucumbers, and of sprightly acid flavor. Worthy of trial in California and Florida." (Wilson Popenoe.)

TETRASTIGMA SP. (Vitaceae), 56804. From Belgian Congo. Seeds presented by C. Passau, Km. 309, near Kongolo. "An annual climber greatly resembling the grape in habit, fruits, and general appearance, with nonwoody stems from 30 to 50 feet in length. The plant seems to