

Forests, Forest Department. Introduced for department specialists experimenting with acid-soil plants.

The "witteboom," or "silver-leaf pine" is a beautiful tree found native only in the immediate vicinity of Cape Town, Cape Province, where it grows up to 50 feet in height. The numerous white silky leaves, which are lanceolate and up to 7 inches long, are now an article of commerce, being used for curios, mats, bookmarks, etc.; when dry they take ink or paint, and are then sold with texts or small scenes depicted on them. (Adapted from Sim, *Forests and Forest Flora of Cape Colony*, p. 294.)

SOLANUM sp. (Solanaceae), 57747. From Ibarra, Ecuador. Seeds presented by J. F. Tamayo. "Seeds of a wild potato from La Rinconada." (Tamayo.)

"A wild solanum which grows abundantly in certain places, preferring the protection of shrubby vegetation along ravines on the paramo. The plant resembles that of the cultivated potato; the tubers, however, are rarely more than an inch long by half an inch in thickness, and they are whitish brown with white flesh. They are not used by the inhabitants of this region. The plants appear to be attacked by late blight, as are cultivated potatoes in the same region." (Wilson Popenoe.)

TALINUM TRIANGULARE (Portulacaceae), 57819. From Manila, Philippine Islands. Seeds presented by P. J. Wester, Bureau of Agriculture. An erect, branching herbaceous plant, about 3 feet high, native to the West Indies and recently introduced from Java into the Philippine Islands. The flowers are pink and produced in great profusion. In the Philippines the fleshy, tender leaves are boiled like spinach and served with meat, for which purpose they are excellent. The plant is easily propagated by cuttings. (Adapted from *The Philippine Agricultural Review*, vol. 14, p. 365.)

TRIFOLIUM JOHNSTONI (Fabaceae), 57698. Clover. From Kew, England. Seeds presented by J. Burtt-Davy. "At high altitudes in East Africa clover is one of the prominent forage plants. It grows where the temperature probably never exceeds 85° F. and where for the greater part of the year it is much below this point. However, no frosts occur in this region." (Dr. H. L. Shantz.)

A smooth perennial clover with the habit of white clover (*Trifolium repens*), found at an altitude of 10,000 feet on Kilimanjaro, Tanganyika Territory. The leaves are long stemmed with membranous leaflets, the globose flower heads are an inch in diameter. (Adapted from *Transactions of the Linnean Society*, 2d ser., vol. 2, p. 331.)