

PRUNUS. 25880. From Ottawa, Canada. Presented by Mr. W. T. Macoun, horticulturist, Central Experiment Farm. Received at the Upper Mississippi Plant Introduction Garden, Ames, Iowa, July 29. "This cherry appears to be hardier in fruit bud than any other cherry we have at the Experimental Farm and as it makes good preserves and is fair eating I think it quite an acquisition." (Macoun.)

SCHLEICHERA TRIJUGA. 25848. Seed from Dhamtari, Raipur, India. Presented by A. E. Lowrie, Deputy Conservator of Forests. Received August 12. "This Indian tree known as the lac tree or Ceylon oak is one of the sources of shellac. The wingless fertilized females of the lac insect (*Tachardia lacca* Kerr) with its piercing mouth parts punctures the bark of the young tender twigs from which the shellac flows down the stems and hardens. The seeds yield a fatty oil, the so-called 'Macassar' oil, which contains free hydrocyanic acid as well as the glycerides of oleic, palmitic and arachidic acids. The wood, which is much used, is hard and durable and takes a polish. The sap-wood is white, the heart-wood is reddish brown. (True)

TACCA(?) SP. 25816. Seeds from Quelimane, Zambesia, Portuguese East Africa. Presented by Mr. O. W. Barrett. Received July 31. "Semi-cultivated plant having 3-5 Amorphophallus like leaves from a cluster of thin-skinned, roundish corms and a corymbose cluster of greenish flowers on the summit of a naked yellowish erect stipe. Corms edible. The natives use it in a variety of ways--like potatoes and dry it in the form of a coarse flour. Habitat in and near the gardens of natives in Zambesia district. Native name I'lide. (Barrett.)

TRIFOLIUM PRATENSE. 25832-837. Six varieties of red clover grown at the North Dakota Sub-Experiment Station, Dickinson, N.D., for Mr. Chas. J. Brand under the supervision of Prof. L. R. Waldron. Crop of 1908. Received June 10, 1909.

VICIA FABA. 25898-901. Four varieties of horsebean from United Provinces, India. Presented by Mr. T. F. Main, Poona. Received August 27. "The last 3 numbers seem to be of one variety collected from different villages while the first is quite different." (Main.)