

DIOSCOREA ALATA (Dioscoreaceae), 46801. **Greater Yam.** "Following your planting directions, this has made a wonderful growth. The yams, eight in number, ranged in size from 3 by 8 inches to 8 by 12 inches. Some of these we have cooked and served mashed. The flavor is excellent, resembling potatoes mixed with ground nuts. This yam should do very well in this community on a commercial basis. On December 24 I gathered nearly 3 gallons of aerial bulblets from the vines, which I shall distribute to other interested persons here." (J. S. Boyles, County Surveyor, Houston, Tex., December 30, 1923.)

MEDICAGO FALCATA (Fabaceae), 24452 (also other introductions). **Alfalfa.** From Tomsk, Siberia. "This species has been propagated until we now have 10 acres of it planted at the Rampart Station. It has been found absolutely hardy, surviving the winter in places where other alfalfas winterkill. It is the most valuable legume so far discovered for interior Alaska. Cherno, Cossack, Orenberg, Semipalatinsk, and other Siberian alfalfas have been tried, but they have not equalled *M. falcata* in hardiness or seed-bearing qualities." (Report of the Alaska Agricultural Experiment Stations, 1922, p. 5.)

MEIBOMIA TILIAEFOLIA (Fabaceae), 44862. From Nice, France. "This shrub was planted in 1919, and is now about 9 feet high. It is quite hardy and a profuse bloomer." (Mrs. N. C. Sweet, Pasadena, Calif., November 30, 1923.)

PRUNUS AVIUM (Amygdalaceae), 33223. **Cherry.** "Garrafal le Grand." From Granada, Spain. "A very beautiful tree which grows like the Japanese cherries. This year we had about two dozen delicious sweet cherries from it." (Mrs. Lewis C. Perley, Poulsbo, Wash., August 13, 1923.)

PYRUS SEROTINA (Malaceae), 38262. **Pear.** From Honan, China. "I received this tree in 1918, and this year it bore more than twenty good fruits. These are of good size and keep well, making this variety valuable for market purposes." (W. M. Ramsey, Montclair, N. J., October 16, 1923.)

SYRINGA REFLEXA (Oleaceae), 45920. **Lilac.** Originally from Hupeh, China. "A rapid grower and hardy. The shrub is now over 6 feet high and bloomed this spring." (S. G. Harry, Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station, Wooster, Ohio, December 13, 1923.)

TIGRIDIA PAVONIA (Iridaceae), 46981. **Tiger Flower.** From Coyacan, Mexico. "From the three bulbs received some years ago I now have more than a hundred plants, which are in flower continuously from August 1 to November 15." (R. S. Elliott, Fresno, Calif., October 16, 1923.)