

TRIFOLIUM SUAVEOLENS. 26135. From Tashkent, Turkestan. Purchased from Dr. Richard Schroder, Director Chief Agricultural Experiment Station, at the suggestion of Prof. N. E. Hansen. Received Oct. 23. "In Persia the schabdar seed usually is sown in the fall, not too late. It endures the winter quite well. By sowing in the fall it develops in the spring so quickly that the first cutting is ready before the first cutting of alfalfa. According to information obtained in Persia the schabdar endures several years. This lot is of a new variety which endures from five to seven years. The fact that this plant is perennial conflicts with botanical statements that it is an annual. In Persia the fresh shoots of the schabdar are also used for salad. The flowers are visited by bees." (Schroder.) For immediate distribution.

TRITICUM. 25968-26029, 26079-097. Eighty-one varieties of wheat grown on the Department's Co-operative Grain Investigation Farms at Modesto and Davis, California. Received September 27 and Oct. 6, 1909. In addition to these numbers there are *Triticum spelta* (spelt), No. 26098, and TRITICUM DICOCCUM (Emmer), No. 26099. These are all carefully selected grains. For immediate distribution.

ZIZYPHUS SATIVA. 26109. Chinese dates from Chekiang province, China. Presented by Mr. J. H. Judson, Hangchow, China. "I cannot say whether these plants are of a named variety or not. The Chinese have three kinds in the market which they call red, black and honey dates." (Judson.) For distribution later.

NOTES FROM OUR AGRICULTURAL EXPLORER, MR. MEYER.

Mr. Meyer, who has started on an exploring tour through Central Asia, but who was directed to visit the French nurseries to study crown gall on paradise stocks, writes from Angers, France, regarding several interesting things he has found while making the investigation. In the Arboretum of Mr. Philippe L. de Vilmorin at Verrieres le Buisson there is a single specimen of a fastigiata mulberry (*Morus alba* var. *fastigiata*) which is quite rare and may be of value in our southern states as a pyramidal tree. Here also is *Pinus armandii*, a new, rather dwarfed pine from Western