

LENS ESCULENTA. 27816. From Tiflis, Caucasus. A legume considered locally to be a variety of lentil. Eaten by the natives, boiled in soup. Although small, it is said to have a much finer taste than the large ones. It may be of value as a fodder or cover plant in semi-arid sections. (Meyer's introduction.)

LEPIDIUM SATIVUM. 27811. From Erivan, Caucasus. A native vegetable called Kodim, grown out doors in protected places, throughout the winter. Eaten raw as a salad with meats. Apparently a broad-leaved variety of the garden cress. (Meyer's introduction.)

MALUS SP. 27968. From Geok-Tapa, Caucasus. A bushy apple which rarely grows over 5 feet in height. It produces red apples of fair quality, is very drought resistant and stands high summer temperatures. May be used in hybridization and in creating a strain of bush apples. (Meyer's introduction.)

MANGIFERA INDICA. 27926-928. Three varieties of mango from Port Louis, Mauritius: Aristide, Baissac, and Maison Rouge. Presented by Mr. G. Regnard, who says the Aristide is the best of their mangos. For distribution later.

MEDICAGO SP. 27979. From between Dushet and Passanaura, Caucasus. A small leaved, perennial medicago, growing in stony debris that has been washed from the mountain sides. Found at elevations of between 4,000 and 5,000 feet above sea level. (Meyer's introduction.)

NOTES FROM FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS.

CHILE, Limavida. Mr. Jose D. Husbands, April 28. Describes a variety of native cotton found at Pita, near Callao, Peru. The fiber is fawn color, having a natural luster. Thinks it has great possibilities for making a good, cheap cloth.

MEXICO, Minatitlan. Mr. J. S. Spencer, May 2. Describes a very large and exceedingly fine avocado growing there. He says it is the finest in flavor and color of any that he has seen in 20 years' experience in the tropics. Promises to send budwood of it. Also offers to send mango seed.

PORTUGAL, Lisbon. Mr. Louis H. Ayme, May 13. Will send almeixas, or Elvas prunes, in June, when the new crop is in. These are prepared in a special way and are classed by London fancy fruit dealers as some of the best semi-candied prunes in the market.