

CARISSA CARANDUS. 23750. From Sibpur, Calcutta, India, Oct. 1. "A dense, spiny shrub or sometimes a small tree flowering from Feb. to Apr. (in India) and bearing a small fruit which is grape-green when young, changing to white and pink as it approaches maturity and black when fully ripe. The fruit ripens July-Aug. In India the fruit is made into pickle just before it is ripe, and is also employed in tarts and puddings. When ripe it makes a very good jelly equal to the red currant. The shrubs are also grown for hedges. This ought to be of value in Southern California where the red currant does not thrive."

PHASEOLUS VULGARIS. 23916. From Rio Mucury, Brazil, Oct. 26. "This is a vine which grows to a length of 40 or 50 feet, straggling over 3 or 4 trees of the size of orange trees. Bears a large number of pods of most delicious beans for 3 years in succession, and the beans will remain good on the vine for a long time after they are ripe. Wherever the summers are hot enough, as in Florida, and there is no frost, it would thrive, I think. The beans are so good that one friend said 'Everyone is mad after them'." Birch.

PINUS. 23913. Rec. thru F. N. Meyer from Tung Ling, China, summer of 1908. "This pine grows all over Northern China and seems to vary a great deal."

PODOCARPUS DACRYDIOIDES. 23742. From Wellington, New Zealand, Sept. 30. "One of the tallest trees of the colony said to occasionally attain a height of 150 feet. The wood is white or pale yellow, tough and compact, straight-grained and easily worked, but unfortunately not durable when in contact with the ground or where regularly exposed to damp. It is very suitable for inside work of all kinds."

RUBUS CHAMAEMORUS. 23894-95. From Harrington Harbor, Canadian Labrador, Oct. 17. "A fruit called locally the Bake Apple, it resembles a yellow raspberry in color and size, tastes of honey and banana mixed, grows in moist ground on a plant four inches high; the