

Presented by Prof. J. Burt Davy, Government agrostologist and botanist, Pretoria, Natal. "All grazing animals, wild and domestic, are exceedingly fond of this plant. It has long, succulent roots and an underground stem. It does not shoot until rather late in our summer, seldom before December, and its stems are killed again by the first frosts of May. The seed-pods are still green when the frost comes, and the seeds not ripe, but they are so well protected by the strong leatherlike pod that the frost cannot hurt them, and they ripen in the pod long after the stem that bore them has been killed by the frost. The roots are used for tanning leather." (Mrs. Barber, in Harvey, *Flora Capensis*, vol. 2, p. 277.) For distribution later.

EUGENIA SP. (Myrtaceae.) 31366. Seeds from Paraguay. Presented by Mr. C. F. Mead, Villa Encarnacion. "This is called in Guarany, *hangapiri*. Fruit found in forests of Paraguay. In size and color same as May Duke cherry. Tree grows to the height and in the same shape as this cherry. It has, however, from one to three seeds in each fruit and has a button at the bottom similar to the quince. It is a beautiful looking fruit, but the taste is nothing wonderful according to my palate. The tree is found only inside the forest in shade, so it cannot be very resistant to frost." (Mead.) For distribution later.

EUONYMUS SP. (Celastraceae.) 31276. Cuttings from the mountains near Ta-si-ku, Ili Valley, Chinese Turkestan. "A small creeping *Euonymus* found on grassy mountain slopes with northern exposure, and between shrubs on somewhat moist and cool places; making stems three to four feet in length when growing in well protected places. Leaves small, wine-red underneath and semi-persistent. Of possible value as a ground-cover beneath trees in northern regions. May be expected to be hardier than the ordinary *E. radicans* and its varieties as the climate of Ili Valley is decidedly of a severe continental nature. On November 24, 1910, the mercury dropped to -30° C. (-22° F.)" (Meyer's introduction.) For distribution later.

HALIMODENDRON HALODENDRON. (Fabaceae.) 31290. Seeds from near Ure-dalik, Chinese Turkestan. "A spiny *Colutea*-like shrub, found on sandy and alkaline places in deserts where the moisture is not far from the surface. Stands some shade also; fit for a hedge plant in regions where long, hot and dry summers prevail and where the winters are cold." (Meyer's introduction.) For distribution later.

INOCARPUS EDULIS. (Fabaceae.) 31274. Seeds of "Tahiti chestnuts" from Tahiti, Society Islands. Procured by