

feature along the Mojú River whence I brought the seeds. I understand that the seeds were once, that is, before the days of rubber, quite largely exported for making buttons. This is one of the so-called ivory nuts." (Fischer.) For distribution later.

MECONOPSIS SPP. (Papaveraceae.) 31269-271. Seeds of three species from Liverpool, England. Presented by the firm of Bees Limited. 31269. *Meconopsis integrifolia*. This magnificent biennial from the high Alps of western China at altitudes of 11000 to 15000 feet has proven thoroughly hardy in England and Ireland and flourishes and flowers without any special treatment. It is described as very striking, having numerous yellow flowers (as many as eighteen on a three foot plant) usually five to six, but sometimes as much as ten inches in diameter. 31270. *Meconopsis delavayi*. 31271. *Meconopsis rudis*. These last two are less known species from similar Alpine locations, with almost equally striking flowers, but probably less easy of culture. All three introduced in the hope of adding hardy biennials of easy culture to our garden flora. For distribution later.

MEDICAGO FALCATA. (Fabaceae.) 31303-304. Seeds of alfalfa from Chong Djighilan and Ili Valleys, Chinese Turkestan. Wild yellow-flowering forms considered by the natives superior to the cultivated varieties. (Meyer's introductions.) For distribution later.

MEDICAGO PLATYCARPOS. (Fabaceae.) 31305. Seeds of alfalfa from near Kurre, Thian Shan Mountains, Chinese Turkestan. "A wild alfalfa of erect growth, bearing yellow flowers and short, flat pods. Found on clayey and peaty hillslopes at altitudes between 6000 and 7000 feet. Stands great cold in winter and drought in summer, and is eagerly eaten by horses, cattle and sheep. Of probable value as a forage plant in sections of the United States where the ordinary alfalfa is winter-killed." (Meyer's introduction.) For distribution later.

PERSEA AMERICANA. (Lauraceae.) 31361. Seeds of avocado from Chile. Received through Mr. José D. Husbands, Limavida, Chile. "There are two and perhaps three classes in this lot, having green and black purple skins like some eggplants. They are very highly esteemed and very dear, costing \$6.00 per dozen Chile money or \$3.00 gold, and finding a ready sale at these high prices. May be shipped when nearly ripe and ripen upon the journey or afterwards." (Husbands.) For distribution later.