

regions for fencing-posts, in spite of its usually crooked habit of growth. It is known as Sikkel-bosch or Krul-peul. It is native of the warm, dry middle veld, below 4000 feet and is usually found in sandy or gravelly soils in regions where the rainfall is from 20 to 25 inches, falling in summer." (Davy.) For distribution later.

DIOSCOREA SPP. (Dioscoreaceae.) 31914-923. Tubers of twelve varieties of yam from Port Moresby, New Guinea. Presented by Mr. J. A. Hamilton. For distribution later.

ERAGROSTIS ABYSSINICA. (Poaceae.) 31897. Seed of teff grass from the Transvaal, South Africa, at an elevation of 5000 feet. Presented by Prof. J. Burt Davy, Government agrostologist and botanist, Pretoria, Natal. "This is one of my most valuable introductions into South Africa, and I am anxious that it should receive attention in the southern and southwestern states as a hay-crop. Its great value lies in the rapidity of its growth and maturity (2 to 2½ months), and I have heard of a crop having been grown near Bloemfontein with only four inches of rain. Being sensitive to frost it is only suitable for regions of summer rainfall, which may partly account for the fact that it never 'took' among the farmers of California, where I introduced it many years ago." (Davy.) For distribution later.

EUCLEA RACEMOSA. (Diospyraceae.) 31748. Seeds from Cape Town, South Africa. Presented by Mr. T. F. Dreyer, assistant entomologist, Department of Agriculture, Cape of Good Hope. "A shrub, with dense, dark-green foliage, of distinctly ornamental appearance, which is especially suited for plantings near the sea that are exposed to salt spray, with the purpose of lifting the wind from the surface of the soil and checking the shifting of the sands. In experiments in fixing sand dunes this plant may prove of decided value, not so much through the action of its roots as by the formation of a cover for the sand, which will lift the wind above the surface. Strongly recommended by Prof. MacOwan in his recommendations to the Cape government on the rebushing of an overstocked island off the coast called, 'Robbin Island'." (Fairchild.) For distribution later.

GENISTA SPP. (Fabaceae.) 31904-905. Seeds of mountain broom from Puerto Orotava, Tenerife, Canary Islands. Presented by Mr. George V. Perez. "Two sorts of the famous mountain broom of Tenerife, renowned for its beautiful flowers which are an ideal food for bees. It grows between 7000 and 9000 feet and would do well in the mountains of southern California." (Perez.) For distribution later.