

free from sweetness and nearly insipid, but would be suitable for marmalades, etc." (Mader.) For distribution later.

SPATHODEA CAMPANULATA. (Bignoniaceae.) 31953. Seeds from Java. Received through Dr. B. T. Galloway, Chief, Bureau of Plant Industry. "A tall, erect tree from western tropical Africa. Its large, orange-red, erect flowers, produced at the tips of the branches throughout the wet season, render it strikingly handsome and conspicuous at a distance. The unexpanded flowers contain a quantity of water, hence the tree has been called the 'Fountain-tree'." (Macmillan, Handbook of tropical gardening.) For distribution later.

TRITICUM AESTIVUM. (Poaceae.) 31780-791. Seeds of wheat from Chinese Turkestan. Twelve varieties of wheat all raised under irrigation and many of them on land that is quite alkaline. (Meyer's introductions.) For distribution later.

NOTES FROM FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS.

Mr. C. V. Piper of Forage Crop Investigations, who is traveling as an agricultural explorer, writes from Cawnpore, India, under date of September 17, 1911, as follows:

"I spent eight days in Calcutta, two days in Pusa, and one day in Benares, en route here. I was greatly impressed with the files of information in Mr. Burkhill's office. As I wrote you, a recent change has put his work under Major Gage, who still is THE man to write to for things, though Mr. Burkhill actually gets most of them. Inspector General Mollison has retired and Courtney is acting, but the general impression is that the office will be abolished notwithstanding most of the men regard this as a mistake. I found a few things at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Sibpur, which are promised as soon as seed is ripe. They have young plants of *Pueraria tuberosa* for us, to be forwarded in the near future. Burkhill told me *Melocanna* was fruiting in great abundance this year, so I wrote to the Director of Agriculture in Dacca to secure us a supply and also, if possible, the soft grained varieties of *Coix*. Burkhill has quite a series of them, and they impress me as of possible value to our southern states. At Pusa is the Imperial Department of Agriculture for India. The work is mostly research, Leather in soils, Hutchison in soil bacteriology, Butler in mycology, Howard in Plant breeding, etc. There is little field work of importance outside of Howard's admirable work with wheats, sesame, jute, roselle, etc., the other field plots being mainly for illustration and containing nothing of special