

*Allium schoenoprasum*. (Liliaceae.) 38787. Seeds of chives from Sianfu, Shensi, China. "A superior variety of chives, much used, forced in darkness, as a winter vegetable. Eaten with fried meats and as a savory in soups; considered to be very healthful. Might possibly be a profitable crop in America when supplied to the Hebrew and Chinese colonies in eastern American cities. Chinese name 'Tcho tsai'." (Meyer's introduction.)

*Beta vulgaris*. (Chenopodiaceae.) 38883. Seeds of beet from Esperanza, Sonora, Mexico. Presented by Mr. W. W. Mackie, Director, Yaqui Valley Experiment Station. "Gathered in Merv, Transcaspia, Turkestan, in 1911. These seeds came from selections out of three years of crops during which time, I have had them under observation. The climate for the first part of the year in the Yaqui Valley is very similar to the summer of Turkestan where I obtained these seeds. The beets produced from these seeds are very vigorous, hardy and drought resistant. The leaves are large and tender and are much used for greens in Turkestan. The flesh is tender, sweet and light red color. The root grows to an immense size, and is eaten greedily by stock. For three seasons this beet has regularly produced an abundance of plump seeds of high viability in June from seeds planted in the preceding fall. This seeding of beets the first year from seed sometimes occurs at intervals in individuals when subjected to drought and again irrigated, thus starting a new or second growth but this Turkestan beet produces seed from every beet regularly in June." (Mackie.)

*Brassica pekinensis*. (Brassicaceae.) 38782-783. Seeds of Chinese cabbage or pai-tsai, from Shantung, China. Two varieties, one "a remarkably fine one, of very white color and possessing a mild, sweet flavor, weighing up to 10 pounds apiece," the other "of conical shape, leaves greenish-white, very soft and tasteful when boiled or stewed. Chinese name 'Ta pai tsai', meaning 'large white vegetable'." (Meyer's introductions.)

*Capsicum annuum*. (Solanaceae.) 38788. Seeds of red pepper from Feitcheng, Shantung, China. "A very elongated variety of Chili pepper, locally much dried and kept for winter use. Is used as a condiment in soups and with noodles, when ground up and mixed with sesame oil and a little salt, creating a good appetite in that way. Chinese name 'Chang lo chiao,' meaning 'long chili pepper'." (Meyer's introduction.)

*Coix spp.* (Poaceae.) 38868-880. Seed of thirteen varieties of Job's-tears from Burma. Presented by Mr.