

India, Jan. 8. "Seed of the large fruited variety of *Aegle marmelos* (Belou marmelos) known to Europeans as Bael fruit. It is a handsome tree with dark green shining leaves which have a resinous odor; it is common in the greater part of India, growing up to 4,000 feet; when cultivated is a middle sized tree of 35 feet, but when wild is a scrubby tree. The fruit is very much like an orange in shape, color and size. It is greatly valued for eating by the natives, but can scarcely be looked upon as palatable to the white man except as a sherbet and for its medicinal properties. The unripe fruit is used as a specific for diarrhoea and dysentery, and the leaves, bark and roots are used as a febrifuge. It might be tried in several districts as it grows equally as well up here as in Calcutta where the air is moist and hot all the year round, and here it is very dry and hot in the summer with a temperature of 112°-120° in the shade and in the winter with sometimes 12° of frost at night, but the Bael always looks healthy and green, no matter what the weather is; it is leafless for about one month only, January or February, and its one year's fruit is ripe about the same time that it is flowering for the next year's fruit."

CUCUMIS. 24429. From Mr. A. W. Smith, Odessa, Russia, Dec. 28. "This is a variety of sweet melon grown here. It is known here as Kachanka and sometimes also called "Tsesarka" on account of its spotted surface resembling a guinea fowl's plumage.

CUCURBITA SP. 24354-357. Four kinds of squash from Jose D. Husbands, Limavida, Chile, Dec. 17.

CYNODON DACTYLON. 24403. From Dr. J. W. Hart, Piracicaba, Brazil, Feb. 28, '08. Numbered Dec., '08. "This grass is grown in Brazil under the name of Graminaz fina. The variety is apparently distinct from the ordinary variety of Bermuda grass grown in the United States."

DELPHINIUM. 24436. From W.C. Egan, Highland Park, Ill., Jan. 2. Free-blooming plants with lovely sky-blue flowers. The plants are dwarf and resemble *Dianthus chinensis*."