

**LEGUMES.** 24266-24267. Two papillonaceous legumes growing wild in the sands near the sea coast. One yellow-flowered, the other blue. Might be used as food plants."

**MEDICAGO SATIVA.** 24210. From Huasco in the northern part of Chile. It is called by botanists *Medicago sativa*, notwithstanding it is a new and very valuable strain still unnamed. In past times both common central Chile alfalfa and "Alfalfa Peruano" were sown; this I believe to be a cross between the two which combines the merits of both and is said to be the most valuable seed known. (Husbands.)

**OPUNTIA FICUS-INDICA.** 24303-304. Seeds.

**PERSEA LINGUE.** 24208. Plants. This is a very valuable industrial forest tree of large size, handsome, compact, evergreen and is an extra quick grower; here it is not a delicate plant but grows quickly in any soil that is wet or moist, also in water. The wood is light and tough like elm, but takes a very high finish. Its lumber is highly esteemed and is lasting if protected from wet. Its bark is used for tanning and is largely exported to Europe. The forests are being stripped; in a very few years this tree will be very scarce. It is an exceedingly beautiful shade tree. Medicinally it is a powerful astringent.

**PISUM ARVENSE.** 24262. Exquisite flavor, sweet, medium, late, prolific; white flower, extra fine.

**SOLANUM.** 24302. Seeds.

**VICIA FABA.** 24264. Very large and early.

#### NOTES FROM FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS.

**AFRICA,** Cape Town, Dec. 16, 1908. Chas. Lounsbury. Calls attention to a number of new beautiful ornamentals and hedge plants which grow wild there. There are a dozen or more representatives of the Vitaceae and several uncultivated Oleae. Some of the native fruits are probably valuable.

**CANAL ZONE,** Ancon, Dec. 21, 1908. Henry F. Schultz. Sends report regarding growth of mangosteens in Canal zone.