

9325. PISTACIA ATLANTICA.**Afsie or Betoom.**

From Duperré, Algeria. Received through Mr. W. T. Swingle (No. 122) from Dr. L. Trabut, Government Botanist of Algeria. Collected by Mr. Frank Joly. Received January 10, 1903.

"A large tree, reaching 40 to 50 feet in height and 4½ feet in diameter. The leaves produce a gall 'Afs-el-betoom,' which is an article of considerable commercial importance in Tripoli and Tunis. It is the only tree of any size growing in the northern Sahara, where it occupies the 'dayas' or depressions in the plateaus. Of much promise as a drought and alkali resistant stock for the pistache. A deciduous tree, not so resistant to cold as the *Chicudia*." (Swingle.)

9326 to 9341. ORYZA SATIVA.**Rice.**

From Lake Charles, La. Received through Dr. S. A. Knapp, January 19, 1903.

9326.

Shimiki. Grown from No. 8300. From Hyogo district, Japan. Doctor Knapp considers this the best early Japan rice.

9327.

Shivatama. Grown from No. 8301. From Fukuoka district, Japan. A very good early variety.

9328.

Komachi. Grown from No. 8302. From Kumamoto district, Japan. This is a medium late variety of no great value.

9329.

Omase. Grown from No. 8303. From Kumamoto district, Japan. One of the best medium varieties.

9330.

Miyako. Grown from No. 8304. From Yamaguchi district, Japan. A medium early variety that may be of value.

9331.

An unnamed variety. Grown from No. 8305. From Chingoku district, Japan. This is not so early as No. 9326, but has many good qualities.

9332.

An unnamed variety. Grown from No. 8306. From Chikuzen district, Japan. One of the best medium varieties. Practically the same as *Kushu*.

9333.

Fusakichi. Grown from No. 8508. From Bizen district, Japan. A medium early variety of remarkable quality. The seeds are exceptionally large, and on suitable land, with plenty of water, this will probably be one of the very best varieties.

9334.

Mansaku bozu. Grown from No. 8509. From Fukuoka district, Japan. This is one of the best medium varieties.

9335.

An unnamed variety. Grown from No. 8310. From Ise district, Japan. This is a medium variety and may become valuable.

9336.

An unnamed variety. Grown from No. 8511. From Buzen district, Japan. This is a medium variety and may prove valuable.