

12990. KOCHIA SCOPARIA.

From Detroit, Mich. Received thru Mr. William McRobbie, gardener of the Palmer Park Gardens, November 7, 1904.

12991. MEDICAGO SATIVA.**Alfalfa.**

From Excelsior, Minn. Received thru Mr. A. B. Lyman, February 24, 1905.

Grimm. A variety attracting attention in the Northwest. (See Bulletin (press), No. 20, University Exp. Sta., St. Anthony Park, Minn., March, 1904, on Hardy Alfalfa in Minnesota.)

12992. MEDICAGO SATIVA.**Alfalfa.**

From Bassorah, Arabia. Secured thru H. P. Chalk, esq., American consular agent. Received February 27, 1905.

"From preliminary tests of this alfalfa, made from a previous importation, under S. P. I. No. 8806, it seems probable that this particular strain will make a more rapid growth than the ordinary varieties cultivated in this country and may prove especially valuable for certain regions in southern California and Arizona. These preliminary experiments have been carried on at the Pomona substation in California, where this variety, together with the ordinary and the Turkestan varieties, planted side by side at the same time, exhibited most unusual rapidity of growth." (*Fairchild.*)

12993. HORDEUM DISTICHUM NUTANS.**Two-row barley.**

From Minneiska, Minn. Received thru Mr. H. L. Whitman, February 23, 1905.

Hanna.

12994. ANEMONE ALPINA SULPHUREA.

From Carsethorn, Dumfries, Scotland. Presented by Mr. Samuel Arnott. Received February 25, 1905.

12995 and 12996. PINGUICULA spp.

From Mexico. Presented by Dr. J. N. Rose. Received February 15, 1905.

12995. *PINGUICULA* sp.

12996. *PINGUICULA* CAUDATA.

12997. SPREKELIA FORMOSISSIMA.

From Mexico. Presented by Dr. J. N. Rose. Received February 15, 1905.

"This is an old garden favorite, but is especially interesting, as it comes from the high mountains of central Mexico. The home of this species is usually given as South America or Guatemala. Only one species of *Sprekelia* is recognized by J. G. Baker and other writers on this group, but there are certainly two, if not more, very distinct species. This plant has flowered in Washington several times. The flowers are large, nearly 4 inches long, and deep crimson. It differs only slightly from descriptions. The bulb scales are black, not brown, as usually given. Bulbs were collected in a shallow mountain swamp of central Mexico in 1903 (No. 813)." (*Rose.*)

12998 and 12999. PUNICA GRANATUM.**Pomegranate.**

From Degach (El Oudiane), Tunis. Received thru Mr. T. H. Kearney, March 7, 1905.

12998. *Gabsi.*

A variety having large, pale-red fruit. "The Gabsi is very likely the same 'variety from Gabes,' of which I sent cuttings (S. P. I. No. 12566) in December from Susa." (*Kearney.*)

12999. *Tunisi.*

"A variety smaller than the preceding and having deep-red fruit. Both varieties were obtained at Degach (El Oudiane), the oasis of the Jerid most renowned for its pomegranates, oranges, and olives, while Tozer is celebrated for its figs. These are the two most widely grown kinds here (Tozer). The pomegranates of Gafsa are even more celebrated." (*Kearney.*)