

17990. CHAMAECYPARIS LAWSONIANA.

From Sacramento, Cal. Presented by Mr. H. A. Alspach. Received March 1, 1906.

This is a native of California and Oregon, where it grows to a height of 200 feet. It is one of the most beautiful conifers, of which about 60 garden forms exist in European nurseries and collections. (For foreign exchange.)

17991. SACCHARUM CILIARE.

From St. Kitts, British West Indies. Presented by Mr. F. R. Shepherd, curator, Botanic Gardens, at the request of Sir Daniel Morris, Commissioner of Agriculture for the West Indies. Received October 27, 1905.

Concerning this plant the following brief notice appeared in the Agricultural News, the fortnightly review of the Imperial Department of Agriculture for the West Indies (Vol. IV, p. 87):

"A number of plants of *Saccharum ciliare* raised from seed received through the Imperial Department of Agriculture from India in May last are growing at the Botanic Station, St. Kitts. These plants, which are now arrowing, appear to withstand drought well, and trials are being made to test their usefulness for fodder purposes. This species may also be suitable for forming ornamental clumps on lawns, similar to pampas grass."

17992. MEDICAGO SATIVA.**Alfalfa.**

From Province of Valencia, Spain. Received through Hon. R. L. Sprague, United States consul, Gibraltar, Spain, March 2, 1906.

"The most vigorous and best quality of alfalfa grown in the Province of Valencia, producing continuous crops the whole year." (*Sprague.*)

17993. PHOENIX DACTYLIFERA.**Date.**

From Nefta, Tunis. Presented by Mr. Louis Grech, through Mr. T. H. Kearney. Received November 1, 1905.

Menakher.

17994. TRITICUM VULGARE.**Wheat.**

From Rieti, Italy. Received through Unione Produttori Grano da Seme, March 14, 1906.

Rieti.

17995. GARCINIA MORELLA.**Gamboge.**

From Kingston, Jamaica, British West Indies. Received through Dr. W. Fawcett, director of Public Gardens, March 15, 1906.

Introduced for the purpose of growing stocks upon which to graft the mangosteen.

17996 to 17998. SECHIU EDULE.**Chayote.**

From Mayaguez, Porto Rico. Received through the Porto Rico Agricultural Experiment Station, February 5 and April 26, 1906.

Fruit of apparently three varieties, as follows:

17996. White.

17998. Large, green.

17997. Small, green.

17999. TRIFOLIUM INCARNATUM.**Crimson clover.**

From Richmond, Va. Received through T. W. Wood & Sons, March 17, 1906.

Late White.