

106254 to 106268—Continued.

106260. IRIS HERMONA Dinsm.

An iris, section *Oncocyclus*, with eight partly evergreen leaves a foot long that appear very early. The large flower, often 6 inches across, has falls veined with lilac and spotted pink on a creamy ground and standards thickly lined with faint purple on a white ground. Native to rocky places in Palestine.

106261. IRIS KASRUWANA Dinsm.

An iris of the section *Oncocyclus*, a foot or more high, with about eight acute leaves 6 to 8 inches long. The falls are dotted and veined with embossed dark-purple spots on a whitish ground, and the standards are minutely dotted and lined with purple on a white ground. Native to the mountains of Palestine.

106262. IRIS MELANOSTICTA Bornm.

An Apogon iris, native to Syria, with a caespitose-branching rhizome, leaves up to 32 inches long, and 1-flowered stems 6 inches high. The yellow falls are veined and spotted with black violet, and the standards are pale yellow. This iris resembles *Iris grant-duffii*, but it grows in drier soil and the flowers are spotted and appear much later.

106263. IRIS NAZARENA Dinsm.

An *Oncocyclus* iris from Palestine with a short rhizome, very long stolons, and a stout stem 12 to 20 inches high. The eight spreading, fanlike leaves are 9 to 16 inches long, and the large flower is often 6 inches wide. The falls are covered with embossed red-brown spots on a creamy ground, and the standards are heavily marked with blue veins and purple dots on a white ground.

106264. IRIS PALAESTINA (Baker) Bolss.

A winter-flowering Juno iris closely related to *Iris caucasica*, with falcate leaves 3 to 9 inches long and a very short stem bearing one to three flowers. These are pale yellow tinged with lilac, the outer segments are oblong with auriculate claws, and the narrowly lanceolate inner segments are very minute. Native to Palestine.

For previous introduction see 80869.

106265. IRIS SAMARIAE Dinsm. **Samaria iris.**

An *Oncocyclus* iris from rocky hillsides in Palestine with a stout stem 12 to 16 inches high, leafy throughout. The 8 to 13 nearly erect, fan-shaped leaves are 8 to 16 inches long. The flower, about 5 inches in diameter, is purple lined and dotted on a creamy ground.

106266. IRIS VARTANII Foster.

The two slender leaves of this iris, of the section *Xiphium*, are 8 to 9 inches long, and the stem is very short. The solitary flower has slaty-lilac outer segments, while the inner ones, erect and narrow, are pale lilac. Native to Palestine.

106267. IRIS WESTII Dinsm.

A short-stemmed *Oncocyclus* iris, often with two stems and six gray-green, slightly falcate leaves 6 to 8 inches long. The large flower, resembling that of *Iris hermona*, has creamy-white falls covered closely with purple dots and pale-lilac standards covered with lilac-blue veins. Native to Palestine.

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106268. STERNBERGIA CLUSIANA Ker-Gawl. **Amaryllidaceae.**

A low-growing plant, native to Asia Minor, with short, 1-flowered stems. The pale-yellow, funnel-shaped flowers, about an inch long, are produced in the fall, and the narrow linear leaves, 3 to 4 inches long, appear in the spring.

106269 to 106273.

From China. Seeds collected at Patung, Western Hupeh, and presented by H. H. Chung, National Wu-Han University, Wuchang, Hupeh. Received August 22, 1934.

106269. BETULA sp. **Betulaceae. Birch.**106270. ELAEAGNUS sp. **Elaeagnaceae.**106271. OSMANTHUS sp. **Oleaceae.**106272. PRUNUS sp. **Amygdalaceae.**106273. SALIX sp. **Salicaceae. Willow.**106274. ELEOCHARIS TUBEROSA (Roxb.) Schult. **Cyperaceae. Waternut.**

From China. Tubers presented by G. Weidman Groff, Lingnan University, Canton. Received August 31, 1934.

Variety *Ma Tai*. A Chinese vegetable which grows very much in the same manner as wet-land rice. The corms or tuberous rhizomes are mostly eaten raw, but are also sliced or shredded in soups and in meat and rice dishes. The plants, which are grown on muck or clay soil, need a hot summer to mature.

For previous introduction see 102620.

106275 to 106294. SACCHARUM OFFICINARUM L. **Poaceae. Sugarcane.**

From Hawaii. Cuttings presented by the experiment station, Hawaiian Sugar Planters' Association, Honolulu. Received August 27, 1934.

Introduced for the use of Department specialists.

106275. *Akoki*. Station No. 22.106276. *Iiopia*. Station No. 29.106277. *Kea*. Station No. 31.106278. *Maiakoiko*.106279. *Manahu*. Station No. 40.106280. *Moano*. Station No. 48.106281. *Ohia*. Station No. 1.106282. *Pakaweli*. Station No. 2.106283. *Piliimai*. Station No. 60.106284. *Uala*. Station No. 61.106285. *Ulukui*. Station No. 67.

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