

23930 to 24113—Continued.**23970. APIUM GRAVEOLENS L.****Celery.**

From Peking, Chihli, China. "(No. 1026a, Mar. 25, 1908.) A Chinese variety of celery, much used in soups and in various other dishes, although quite strong. May contain more of the active alkaloids than our own varieties and be of use in celery-salt manufacture. Chinese name *Hu diên mae hua*." (Meyer.)

23971. DAUCUS CAROTA L.**Carrot.**

From Peking, Chihli, China. "(No. 1027a, Mar. 25, 1908.) A Chinese carrot. Sow in rows in somewhat sandy though rich soil. Do not let them have any lack of water. Chinese name *Hu lou poo*." (Meyer.)

23972. CORIANDRUM SATIVUM L.

From Peking, Chihli, China. "(No. 1028a, Mar. 25, 1908.) A well-known herb, the young leaves of which are used by the Chinese to flavor their soups with. The seeds are also used in various kinds of candy. Chinese name *Hsien tsai*." (Meyer.)

23973. LACTUCA SATIVA L.**Lettuce.**

From Peking, Chihli, China. "(No. 1029a, Mar. 25, 1908.) A Chinese lettuce which does not form a head, but the stems get to be quite fleshy and are stewed like asparagus. Quite tasty. Chinese name *Sun tsai*." (Meyer.)

23974. BETA VULGARIS L.**Beet.**

From Peking, Chihli, China. "(No. 1030a, Mar. 25, 1908.) Probably a red beet root, the young leaves of which are eaten stewed and also the roots when about full grown. This is inferior to our own varieties. Chinese name *Hong pai tsai*." (Meyer.)

23975. CAPSICUM ANNUUM L.**Pepper.**

From Peking, Chihli, China. "(No. 1031a, Mar. 25, 1908.) A Chihli pepper grown by the Chinese partly for ornament and partly for condiments. Chinese name *Shi tze cheow*." (Meyer.)

23976. SOLANUM MELONGENA L.**Eggplant.**

From Peking, Chihli, China. "(No. 1032a, Mar. 25, 1908.) An eggplant which may turn out to be more ornamental than useful. Chinese name *Chieng yen chi*." (Meyer.)

23977 to 23983. CELOSIA ARGENTEA L.

From Peking, Chihli, China. (Mar. 25, 1908.)

23977. "(No. 1033a.) Chinese name *Hong gee kuan hua*."

23978. "(No. 1034a.) Chinese name *Huang gee kuan hua*."

23979. "(No. 1035a.) Chinese name *Huang shoo gee kuan hua*."

23980. "(No. 1036a.) Chinese name *Tze shoo gee kuan hua*."

23981. "(No. 1037a.) Chinese name *Hong shoo gee kuan hua*."

23982. "(No. 1038a.) Chinese name *Pai shoo gee kuan hua*."

23983. "(No. 1039a.) Chinese name *Kuan shang chiär kuan*."

"The above forms are grown by the Chinese as ornamental garden plants." (Meyer.)

23984 to 23988. AMARANTHUS spp.

From Peking, Chihli, China. (Mar. 25, 1908.)

23984. "(No. 1040a.) Chinese name *Lo lie show*."

23985. "(No. 1041a.) Chinese name *Hong doo chuang hua*."