

25888 to 25890—Continued.

Seeds of the following:

25888. *FERONIA ELEPHANTUM* Correa.

"This is the wood-apple of India and Ceylon, a deciduous tree with pinnate leaves, bearing a fruit about the size of an orange, but with a very thick, woody rind.

"The pulp of the fruit is acid and aromatic and is sometimes eaten by the natives of India; it is also used to prepare a jelly much resembling that made from black currants, but this jelly is said to have a very astringent taste.

"This plant is allied to the bael fruit of India, *Belou marmelos*, and is being grown to hybridize with that species, and also for trial as a stock upon which to graft it." (*W. T. Swingle.*)

Distribution.—A medium-sized tree, found in the sub-Himalayan forests. from the Ravi eastward, and throughout the greater part of the plains of India, being more frequent in the moist tracts of Bombay, Madras, Bengal, and Burma than in northern India.

25889. *BELOU MARMELOS* (L.) W. F. Wight.

Bael.

Both of the above are from the state gardens, Baroda.

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From Mr. George Hodson, florist and seedsman, Bangalore.

See S. P. I. No. 24450 for description of *Belou marmelos*.

25891 to 25893.

From Ootacamund, India. Presented by Rev. G. N. Thomssen, American Baptist Telugu Mission, Bapatia, South India. Received August 20, 1909.

Seeds of the following:

25891. *RHODOMYRTUS TOMENTOSA* (Ait.) Wight.

The Downy myrtle, or Hill gooseberry, is a handsome evergreen shrub, with broad glossy leaves, pink flowers larger than those of a peach and lasting for several weeks, and dark-purple berries about the size of a cherry and tasting like a raspberry. The fruits are eaten raw, and used for making jam and jelly. (*Adapted from Bailey.*)

Distribution.—An evergreen shrub, native of the southeastern part of Asia, extending from India through China, the Malay Archipelago, and the Philippines to Japan.

25892. *PHYSALIS PERUVIANA* L.

From plants of ten years' select cultivation of the South African Cape gooseberry in India.

Distribution.—A native of Peru and cultivated throughout the Tropics.

25893. (Unidentified.)

White straw flowers growing wild on the Nilgiris.

25894 to 25897.

From Simla, India. Presented by Mr. E. Cotes, Indian News Agency, through Mr. Frank N. Meyer. Received August 27, 1909.

Seeds of the following:

25894. *AMYGDALUS PERSICA* L.

Peach.

25895. *PRUNUS ARMENIACA* L.

Apricot.