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27802. HALOXYLON AMMODENDRON (Meyer) Bunge. Saxaul.

From Tiflis, Caucasus, Russia. "(No. 1303a, Mar. 22, 1910.) A tree or tall shrub resisting alkali and aridness to a most remarkable degree. In certain sections of central Asia it is practically the only tree to be found and its wood is much used for fuel. Recommended as a windbreak and a fuel supply for the desert regions of the southwestern part of the United States. Obtained from the Tiflis Botanic Garden, the only botanic garden in the world where a plantation of this remarkable tree exists." (*Meyer.*)

See S. P. I. No. 24555 for previous introduction.

27803. MEDICAGO SATIVA L. Alfalfa.

From Erivan, Caucasus, Russia. "(No. 1304a, Mar. 28, 1910.) A robust form of alfalfa (Alfalfa passes here under the Tartar name '*Yondjin*'). This variety may prove of value in the southern Rocky Mountain regions where the climate very much resembles that of Erivan. For general climatic information for this and other numbers from Erivan see note on Nos. 711 to 750 (S. P. I. Nos. 27611 to 27650)." (*Meyer.*)

27804. CITRULLUS VULGARIS Schrad. Watermelon.

From Erivan, Caucasus, Russia. "(No. 1305a, Mar. 28, 1910.) Mixed local varieties reputed to be of fine quality. There are said to be red and yellow ones among these. To be tested under irrigation in the hot-summered, arid, and semiarid sections of the United States." (*Meyer.*)

27805. CUCUMIS MELO L. Muskmelon.

From Erivan, Caucasus, Russia. "(No. 1306a, Mar. 28, 1910.) A celebrated local variety of muskmelon, called '*Dootma*,' said to be very fine. To be tested like No. 1305a (S. P. I. No. 27804)." (*Meyer.*)

27806. CUCUMIS SATIVUS L. Cucumber.

From Erivan, Caucasus, Russia. "(No. 1307a, Mar. 28, 1910.) A local variety of cucumber, half long, green, trained on stakes. To be tested like No. 1305a (S. P. I. No. 27804)." (*Meyer.*)

27807. RAPHANUS SATIVUS L. Radish.

From Erivan, Caucasus, Russia. "(No. 1308a, Mar. 28, 1910.) A local variety of radish, large, round, and of bright-red color. A spring vegetable. To be tested like No. 1305a (S. P. I. No. 27804)." (*Meyer.*)

27808. RAPHANUS SATIVUS L. Radish.

From Erivan, Caucasus, Russia. "(No. 1309a, Mar. 28, 1910.) A local variety of radish, large, long, and of white color. A spring vegetable. To be tested like No. 1305a (S. P. I. No. 27804)." (*Meyer.*)

27809. ALLIUM CEPA L. Onion.

From Erivan, Caucasus, Russia. "(No. 1310a, Mar. 28, 1910.) A Caucasian variety of white winter onion, very sweet and rather solid. To be tested like No. 1305a (S. P. I. No. 27804)." (*Meyer.*)

27810. ABELMOSCHUS ESCULENTUS (L.) Moench. Okra.

From Erivan, Caucasus, Russia. "(No. 1311a, Mar. 28, 1910.) A native Caucasian variety of okra, said to be fine. This vegetable passes here under the Tartar name of '*Pam-ya*.' To be tested like No. 1305a (S. P. I. No. 27804)." (*Meyer.*)