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that the Chinese say that a man selling sliced *Ching lobas* near a boarding house ruins the boarding-house keeper. People doing much manual labor especially seem to be benefited by the use of them.

"As these roots stand long transportation very well, they will be useful in supplying mining camps and sailors with the necessary fresh vegetables. From the nature of the plants they will thrive especially well in the western United States. Seeds formerly sent under Nos. 17932, 17935 to 17937, 21623, 23968, and 23969." (*Meyer*.)

31698. MELILOTUS ALBA Desr.

Sweet clover.

From Nice, France. Presented by Dr. A. Robertson Proschowsky. Received August 22, 1911.

"This clover grows 2 meters [6½ ft.] or more high. It has small white flowers and tiny reniform fruits. The general aspect is much like *Medicago sativa*, but the flowers are white and much smaller, fruits quite different. It is perennial, grows on the very worst soil, consisting of gravel, and looks quite fresh and green amidst its withered surroundings (no rain for last seven months). It seems to me that this might prove of interest to the specialists looking for forage plants for arid regions." (*Proschowsky*.)

31699 to 31701.

From China. Presented by Mr. N. Gist Gee, Soochow University, Soochow, China. Received July 31, 1911.

31699. LITCHI CHINENSIS Sonner.

Lychee.

See Nos. 10670 to 10673, 14888, and 16237 to 16243 for descriptions. Seeds.

31700. ERIOBOTRYA JAPONICA (Thunb.) Lindl.

Loquat.

"*Bilo*."

Seeds.

31701. ZINZIBER OFFICINALE Rosc.

Ginger.

Roots.

31702. SOLANUM NIGRUM L.

Nightshade.

From Nice, France. Presented by Dr. A. Robertson Proschowsky. Received August 16, 1911.

Variety *miniatura*.

31703. MEDICAGO FALCATA L. (?)

From Gilgit, Kashmir, British India. Presented by Mr. F. Booth Tucker, Salvation Army, Simla, British India. Received August 8, 1911.

31704 to 31707.

From Manila, Philippine Islands. Presented by Mr. P. J. Wester, horticulturist, Bureau of Agriculture. Received August 21, 1911.

Seeds of the following; quoted notes by Mr. Wester:

31704. TRICHOSANTHES QUINQUANGULATA A. Gray.

"A cucurbitaceous vine of vigorous growth indigenous to the Philippines. The fruit is globose and somewhat larger than an apple, the surface being a brilliant red. As the fruit keeps for many weeks after maturity, retaining its color, I believe that it might be used to great advantage for decorative purposes."