35601 to 35657—Continued.

35643 and 35644. CUCUMIS SATIVUS L. **Cucumber.**

35643. "(Laoling, Shantung, China. No. 1843a. March 31, 1913.) A rare cucumber of local origin, said to be of green color, growing 2½ feet in length and of fine quality. Is always trained on trellises made from sorghum stems, so as to prevent the fruits from touching the ground. Loves a rich, sandy soil. Chinese name *Huang kua.*"

35644. "(Laoling, Shantung, China. No. 1844a. March 31, 1913.) A rare variety of cucumber of local origin, said to be of white color, growing 2½ feet long and being covered with little warts and points. Is trained like the preceding number (S. P. I. No. 35643). Chinese name *Pai huang kua.* This and the preceding number may perhaps do well in countries with dry air, as the Shantung Province is decidedly semiarid."

35645 to 35657. CUCUMIS MELO L. **Muskmelon.**

35645. "(Laoling, Shantung, China. No. 1845a. March 31, 1913.) A muskmelon said to be of small size, of yellow color, and fragile. The flesh is soft and sweet. Chinese name *Kwan tung yu mi kua.* This and the following varieties of melons all love a rich, sandy soil with a small amount of alkali in it. The Chinese melon growers claim that to obtain year in and year out the finest melons one has to grow certain melons for seed entirely; that is, the first two fruits from some selected plants should always be retained for future seed producers, for when one simply takes the ordinary melons the strain very soon runs out and the quality gets worse and worse every year. They also admit that a slight difference in soil and location has very much to do with quality and that seeds from melons that were good in one locality produce inferior melons in another locality only a few miles away."

35646. "(Near Laoling, Shantung, China. No. 1846a. March 31, 1913.) A muskmelon said to be of elongated shape, of white color, and easily breaking, while the meat is not too sweet. Chinese name *Tsiu kua.*"

35647. "(Laoling, Shantung, China. No. 1847a. March 31, 1913.) A muskmelon said to be of long shape, moderate size, and of a white color. Flesh juicy. Chinese name *Yang dja tsiu kua.*"

35648. "(Laoling, Shantung, China. No. 1848a. March 31, 1913.) A muskmelon said to resemble a gourd, skin dark green, flesh red and of sweet taste. A rare local variety. Chinese name *Ghu lu su kua.*"

35649. "(Laoling, Shantung, China. No. 1849a. March 31, 1913.) A muskmelon said to have a very dark-colored skin; meat red and as soft as flour, ripens in July. Chinese name *Ghai mien kua.*"

35650. "(Laoling, Shantung, China. No. 1850a. March 31, 1913.) A muskmelon said to have a blotched skin, growing to moderate size and being very sweet. Chinese name *Hua pi tsiu kua.*"

35651. "(Laoling, Shantung, China. No. 1851a. March 31, 1913.) A muskmelon said to be of long shape, of green color with white stripes, while the flesh is juicy. Chinese name *Pa djau tsui kua.*"

35652. "(Laoling, Shantung, China. No. 1852a. March 31, 1913.) A muskmelon said to be of small size, with mottled, yellow skin, while the meat is of red color and quite sweet. Chinese name *Hong yang khan kua.*"