

company. One of nine forage crops little known in this country introduced for the work of the Office of Forage Crop Investigations. Among the others are the serradella, gorse or whin, yellow trefoil, various lupines, Scotch broom and giant spurry.

Passiflora ligularis Juss. (Passifloraceae.) 39360. Seeds of a granadilla from Bogota, Colombia. Presented by Dr. Ancizar, secretary of the Colombian Legation, through Mr. W. E. Safford. "An egg-shaped fruit with parchment-like shell filled with an abundance of sweet juice and many small seeds. Used in tropical America for making sherbets and ices alone or with the addition of lemon juice or spices. Of easy culture in all the warm localities, growing in the form of a vine from trellises and arbors, and desirable not only for its fruit but its beautiful flowers." (Safford.)

Tibouchina stenocarpa (DC.) Cogn. (Melastomaceae.) 39333. Seeds from Lavras, Minas Geraes, Brazil. Presented by Mr. Benjamin H. Hunnicutt, Director, Escola Agricola de Lavras. "Seeds of a wild shrub, commonly called 'Quaresma' or 'Lent,' as it blooms at Lent. It has a beautiful purple flower and the blooming season covers a number of months. It grows well on the poorest, driest grounds we have and blooms during the dry season. I think it has been cultivated in some gardens in Brazil, although I have never seen it. Ornamental only."

NOTES FROM CORRESPONDENTS ABROAD.

China. Tientsin. Dr. Yamei Kin writes November 18 in reply for information concerning peach blossoms, "I had just sent off a letter with some seeds when yours with photos of the peach flowers and inquiries came to hand.

"I will do as you request and take a special look at the orchards of the vicinity when they come into bloom this spring, but I thought it might interest you to know the answers to my questions from the people of my staff and country patients that happen to be on the premises.

"Without saying anything about what your inquiries were (whether the blossoms were typically large and clear pure white, or small and creamy white) I merely took the photos and asked them if they were like the peach flowers that they were accustomed to see in their fruit orchards. Unanimously without the slightest hesitation they pointed to the photo with the intermediate and small flowers, and generally designated voluntarily the middle branch (that with small, relatively inconspicuous flowers) as being the most like, and also remarked that the color was white as a rule though pink ones were not unknown. A few people said