

tinted with red. The leaves themselves are large, of a dark and shining green, especially on the upper part of the stalk. It is the race most liked by the Parisian market gardeners." (Vilmorin-Andrieux & Co.)  
For later distribution.

AVENA. 26036-044, 26107. Ten varieties of oats grown on the Department's Co-operative Grain Investigation Farms at Modesto and Davis, California. Received Sept. 27 and Oct. 6, 1909. These are carefully selected. Available for immediate distribution.

BETA VULGARIS. 26067. From Sicily. Presented by Dr. Carl Sprenger, Naples-Vomero, Italy. Received Oct. 5. "Seed collected in a wild state." For immediate distribution.

CICER ARIETINUM. 26193-194. Two varieties of chickpea from Mexico. Procured by Mr. David Griffiths. Received Nov. 5. One small and one large variety. For immediate distribution. Both as a vegetable and for the production of meal useful in making cakes the chickpea is worthy of the most serious consideration in our arid regions. In Palestine it is one of the most profitable crops according to Mr. Aaronsohn.

CITRULLUS VULGARIS. 26156-158. From Foochow, China. Presented by Mr. Samuel L. Gracey. Received Oct. 25.  
26156. White or Shanghai melon; very popular in this district. 26157. Yellow. 26158. Red. For later distribution.

CITRUS. 26147. Orange from Mount Gravatt, Brisbane, Australia. Presented by Mr. John Williams. Received Oct. 28. Usher's Favorite. It ripens in October here and is a splendid keeper. Quality, flavor and all things considered, I believe it to be really first class. (Williams.) For distribution later.

CRATAEGUS AZAROLUS. 26116. From Zichron Jacob, near Haifa, Palestine. Presented by Miss Rifka Aaronsohn. Received Oct. 4. "Arabian name za'arur. This species is very abundant throughout the Orient, where a great many varieties and forms of it are found. It grows wild on the slopes of dry, arid hills, preferably amongst calcareous rocks. It is a shrub with spiny branches from 1.5 to 4 or 5 meters