

9575. MUSA SAPIENTUM.

From Las Palmas, Canary Islands. Received through Messrs. Lathrop and Fairchild (No. 1168, April 12, 1903), April 27 and May 6, 1903.

Date. "Young buds from the base of some banana plants in Mr. Nelson's garden in Las Palmas, which the gardener says came from Cuba several years ago. The fruit of this 'date' banana is very small, not over an inch or so long, it is said, but of unusual sweetness, though inclined to be dry. This may be of use for breeding purposes. The plants are small in size and do not seem very vigorous." (*Fairchild.*)

9576. VITIS VINIFERA.**Grape.**

From Old Bokhara, Turkestan. Received through Mr. E. A. Bessey from Mr. Voronov, the representative of Mr. H. W. Dürrschmidt (No. 114, August 27, 1902), April 29, 1903.

Kishmish. "A white (i. e., very light green) seedless grape, considered to be the best of the sorts grown near Bokhara. The berry is rather small, with a slight amount of bloom, short elliptical in outline, about one-half inch long and three-eighths inch wide, very thin skinned, with a moderately firm, juicy flesh and sweet taste, modified by the presence of sufficient acid to prevent its being insipid. The bunch is large, firm, and compact, and weighs one-half a pound to a pound. I fear that if once attacked by Anthracnose, *Plasmopara*, or Black Rot, the berries are so closely packed that the whole bunch would be destroyed, as without great care in spraying it would be impossible to properly reach the inner berries of the bunch. This variety was also seen in Ashkabad, where it is said to be of Persian origin. It is rather rare here." (*Bessey.*)

9577. VITIS VINIFERA.**Grape.**

From Old Bokhara, Turkestan. Received through Mr. E. A. Bessey from Mr. Voronov, the representative of Mr. H. W. Dürrschmidt (No. 115, August 27, 1902), April 29, 1903.

Khusaini (Khoosá-cence). "A light-green grape, considered to be one of the best, but inferior in quality to *Kishmish*, No. 9576, and *Ok Uzium*, No. 9578. One of the most abundant varieties on the market. Very productive. Berries light green, without bloom, often tinged with a very faint red color on the sunny side, elongated elliptical in outline, an inch to 1½ inches long by one-half to five-eighths inch in short diameter. Usually truncated at the base and shortly rounded at the apex. Often slightly larger near the base. Seeds usually only two, situated about one-third of the distance from the base to apex (rarely central). Skin thin and tender; flesh juicy and tender, but firm. Sweet and slightly acid—too little acid for some people's taste. Bunches large (three-fourths to 1 pound or more), loose, rather long; would be easy to spray." (*Bessey.*)

9578. VITIS VINIFERA.**Grape.**

From Old Bokhara, Turkestan. Received through Mr. E. A. Bessey from Mr. Voronov, the representative of Mr. H. W. Dürrschmidt (No. 116, August 27, 1902), April 29, 1903.

Ok Uzium (meaning *White grape*). "A white (i. e., light green) grape, very abundant on the markets of Old Bokhara. Considered by some to be of better quality than *Khusaini*, No. 9577, but I consider it inferior. Berries light green, with bloom, round, five-eighths to three-fourths inch in diameter, with usually three rather small seeds. Skin thin but tough, and with a slightly astringent taste, which makes it necessary to avoid chewing the skin much. Flesh firm but tender and juicy, sweet but with slight acid flavor, and superior in this respect to that of *Khusaini*, if care is taken not to chew the skin. Bunches large (1 to 1½ pounds), very compact, with a pronounced shoulder. Apparently would be difficult to spray properly, but not so difficult as *Kishmish*, No. 9576." (*Bessey.*)

9579. VITIS VINIFERA.**Grape.**

From Old Bokhara, Turkestan. Received through Mr. E. A. Bessey from Mr. Voronov, the representative of Mr. H. W. Dürrschmidt (No. 117, August 27, 1902), April 29, 1903.

Shuborgónyi. "An almost black grape with a faint bloom. Quite rare in the markets. Considered inferior to *Kishmish*, No. 9576, and *Ok Uzium*, No. 9578. Berries