

it was only by tasting the roots themselves that the difference could be detected. Both varieties are considered equally valuable. They are eaten raw, especially by travelers on long tours thru the drier portions of the country, as their watery character makes them valuable for quenching one's thirst. They are also considered nutritious and are said to make good pickles. It is possible that they may also be cooked as turnips and could be cultivated in regions where the turnip will not thrive." (*Palmer.*)

12370. IRIS sp.**Iris.**

From Fairfield, Wash. Collected by Mr. A. J. Pieters, August 21, 1904.

12371 to 12393.**Abyssinian seeds.**

From Abyssinia, Africa. Received thru Hon. Robert P. Skinner, commissioner of the United States to Abyssinia, December 15, 1904.

A collection of seeds made for Mr. Skinner under his direction by Mr. Eugène Carette Bouvet. This collection is supplementary to the collection received June 3, 1904, Nos. 11039 to 11119, from the same source. The names given are transcribed from those written upon the original packages.

12371.	ANDROPOGON SORGHUM.	Sorghum.
12372.	ANDROPOGON SORGHUM.	Sorghum.
12373.	ANDROPOGON SORGHUM.	Sorghum.
12374.	ANDROPOGON SORGHUM.	Sorghum.
12375.	HORDEUM sp.	Barley.
12376.	HORDEUM sp.	Barley.
12377.	TRITICUM sp.	Wheat.
12378.	ERAGROSTIS ABYSSINICA.	Teff.
12379.	TRITICUM DIOCCOCUM.	Emmer.
12380.	COFFEA sp.	Wild coffee.
12381.	COFFEA sp.	Harrar coffee.
12382.	COFFEA sp.	Cultivated coffee.
12383.	ZEA MAYS.	Corn.
12384.	ZEA MAYS.	Corn.
12385.	ERAGROSTIS ABYSSINICA.	Teff.
12386.	ERAGROSTIS ABYSSINICA.	Teff.
12387.	SESAMUM INDICUM.	Sesame.
12388.	PIMPINELLA ANISUM.	Anise.
12389.	GUIZOTIA OLEIFERA.	
12390.	ELEUSINE CORACANA.	
12391.	LINUM sp.	Flax.
12392.	PISUM SATIVUM.	Pea.
12393.	CICER ARIETINUM.	Chick-pea.
12394.	BETA VULGARIS.	Sugar beet.

From New York, N. Y. Received thru Mr. Albert Bohm, Wool Exchange Building, West Broadway and Beach streets, December 21, 1904.

Said by Mr. Bohm to be more subject to outside influences than ordinary seed.

12395. PHYSALIS sp.**Ground cherry.**

From Columbus, Ohio. Received thru the Livingston Seed Company, December 23, 1904.

Ordered for Mr. Burbank's experiments.