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to attacks of the *Hemiteia castatrix*. 'It is grown in the Botanic Gardens within a few feet of Coffea plants covered with this fungus, and Mr. Wood has endeavored to inoculate the plant with it but has been unsuccessful. He further states that it is a handsome shrub, in addition to its value for hybridizing purposes for *Coffea arabica* or other species. His idea is, further, that it might be used as a stock upon which to graft the Arabian Coffea.' (Fairchild.)

12898. ASPARAGUS VIRGATUS.

"According to Mr. Wood this species is cultivated in Natal and is considered to have a distinct flavor of its own and to be a desirable vegetable. This same species has been in cultivation in America for some time as an ornamental." (Fairchild.)

12899. PASSIFLORA EDULIS.

"In Natal one of the commonest fruits on the market is this passion fruit. Its cultivation requires very little attention and it seems to be a very productive vine. This could be cultivated to advantage in the frostless regions of California and Florida, and attempts should be made to cross it with the May-pop, which is a common species of Passiflora growing in the Carolinas. In New Zealand and Australia the fruit has become a popular one on the market." (Fairchild.)

12900 to 12908.

From Washington, D. C. Grown on the Potomac Flats under the direction of Dr. R. H. True, Physiologist in Charge of Drug and Medicinal Plant Investigations. Received February 5, 1905.

A collection of drug and medicinal plant seeds, as follows:

12900. ATROPA BELLADONNA.	Belladonna.
12901. CARUM CARVI.	Caraway.
12902. CONIUM MACULATUM.	Poison hemlock.
12903. CORIANDRUM SATIVUM.	Coriander.
12904. LOBELIA INFLATA.	Lobelia.
12905. SATUREIA HORTENSIS.	Summer savory.
12906. PAPAVER SOMNIFERUM.	Poppy.
A white-seeded opium poppy.	
12907. PAPAVER SOMNIFERUM.	Poppy.
A blue-seeded opium poppy.	
12908. CHENOPODIUM ANTHELMINTICUM.	American wormseed.

12909. SECHIU M EDULE. **Chayote.**

From New Orleans, La. Received thru the J. Steckler Seed Company, February 11, 1905.

12910. OLEA EUROPEA. **Olive.**

From Tunis, North Africa. Received thru Mr. T. H. Kearney, February 13, 1905.

Chitoui. "This is the principal and best oil variety of northern Tunis, but is said not to do so well in drier and hotter parts." (Kearney.)

12911 to 12917.

From Brookings, S. Dak. Received thru Prof. N. E. Hansen, Agricultural Experiment Station, January 18, 1905.

A collection of ornamentals, as follows:

12911. (Undetermined.)	"Siberian sand thorn."
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