

17842 to 17954—Continued.

- 17876.** *CASTANEA SATIVA.* **Chestnut.**
From Peking. "(No. 33a.) The largest variety to be found on the markets in Peking; said to have come from Chee-san, near Chang-li. The nuts are roasted with sand and an oily substance which bleaches them, and are remarkably sweet. The trees on which they grow are seedlings." (*Meyer.*)
- 17877.** *CASTANEA SATIVA.* **Chestnut.**
From Peking. "(No. 34a.) The ordinary Chinese chestnut, sold everywhere in northern China. They are very small, but make up in sweetness what they lack in size. Are roasted the same as No. 33a (S. P. I. No. 17876), and are said to have come from Chee-san, near Chang-li. The trees I saw there grow in sheltered spots and seem to love a rocky soil." (*Meyer.*)
- 17878.** *QUERCUS* sp. **Oak.**
From western hills near Peking. "(No. 26a.) A fine oak, resembling a chestnut. The acorns are eagerly collected and used for tanning purposes. Probably not very hardy, as it grows in quite sheltered valleys." (*Meyer.*)
- 17879.** *QUERCUS DENTATA.* **Oak.**
From Tang-san. "(No. 24a.) A beautiful, large-leaved oak. The leaves assume gorgeous colors in autumn; a very desirable tree. Grows to medium dimensions." (*Meyer.*)
- 17880.** *ZEA MAYS.* **Corn.**
From Pee-san. "(No. 19a.) A very fine strain of corn growing in a rather dry part of the country. This is one of the best varieties I have seen in northern China. The plants grow about six feet high and have uniformly two ears to each stalk." (*Meyer.*)
- 17881.** *ZEA MAYS.* **Corn.**
From Shan-hai-kwan. "(No. 20a.) A white-seeded corn growing on stony soil around Shan-hai-kwan, where it gets quite cold." (*Meyer.*)
- 17882.** *CRATAEGUS PINNATIFIDA.* **Hawthorn.**
From Chang-li. "(No. 52a.) The largest variety of *Crataegus pinnatifida*. A fine fruit for preserves, and a very ornamental tree; is simply loaded in the fall with red berries and keeps its large, glossy, green leaves till late in autumn." (*Meyer.*)
- 17883.** *CRATAEGUS PINNATIFIDA.* **Hawthorn.**
From Chang-li. "(No. 104a.) Fruits of different sizes to show variation." (*Meyer.*)
- 17884.** *DOLICHOS LABLAB.* **Hyacinth bean.**
From western hills near Peking. "(No. 96a.) The same as No. 95a (S. P. I. No. 17885), but from a different locality." (*Meyer.*)
- 17885.** *DOLICHOS LABLAB.* **Hyacinth bean.**
From Hawai-jou. "(No. 95a.) A bean which is grown around gardens as a windbreak, and at the same time the green beans are used as a vegetable; they are somewhat coarse but do not taste at all bad. The plant is a climber and as such needs supports." (*Meyer.*)
- 17886.** *ELAEAGNUS* sp.
From Chang-li. "(No. 120a.) A silvery-leaved *Elaeagnus* which ripens small, red berries in October. Grows from 5 to 6 feet high. Under cultivation it might become denser headed and be an ornamental shrub." (*Meyer.*)
- 17887.** *MALUS* sp. **Crab apple.**
From Peking. (Not numbered by Meyer.) "A crab apple sold on the streets in Peking." (*Meyer.*)