

18627 and 18628. MEDICAGO SATIVA. Alfalfa.

From Bassorah, Arabia. Received from Mr. Herbert W. Poulter, through Mr. David Fairchild, June 12, 1906.

Arabian alfalfa or Jet.

18627. Seed from irrigated plants.

18628. Seed from unirrigated plants.

18629. MEDICAGO SATIVA. Alfalfa.

From Buffalo, N. Y. Received through the Harvey Seed Company, June 13, 1906.

Canadian grown alfalfa.

18630. PHOENIX DACTYLIFERA. Date.

From Morocco. Received through McCaig, Gilchrist & Co., Glasgow, Scotland, May 28, 1906.

Tafilalt. "Groves of this date occur in the oases of the region of Tafilalt, and this is supposed to be the largest variety grown there. It is in any case that variety which is most largely exported from Morocco, especially to the English market." (*Fairchild.*)

18631. IPOMOEA BATATAS. Sweet potato.

From Paoli, Ind. Presented by Braxtan Brothers. Received June 1, 1906.

This variety is of a peculiar and unusual shape, resembling a muskmelon. "Raised from a sweet potato plant and bought by us in a lot of sweet potatoes last December and kept since lying around the store with no care whatever as to its preservation, while our sweet potatoes rotted right along." (*Braxtan.*)

18632. CANNABIS SATIVA. Hemp.

From Shinnintong District, Manchuria. Received through the Yokohama Nursery Company, Yokohama, Japan, May 29, 1906.

"Manchurian hemp seeds produced in the district of Shinnintong, some 200 miles southwest of Kirin Province." (*Yokohama Nursery Company.*)

18633. ANDROPOGON SORGHUM. Sorghum.

From Turks Island, West Indies. Presented by Mr. J. A. Howells, United States consul. Received June 4, 1906.

"Guinea corn, the principal crop on this island for grain and fodder." (*Howells.*)

18634. XANTHOSOMA sp. Yautia.

From Chiapas, southern Mexico. Presented by Mr. Lawrence Harmon, of Chicago, Ill. Received April 26, 1906. Additional roots were received June 14, 1906.

Roots of a semiwild yautia found growing wild in Chiapas; said to be eaten by the natives, but not cultivated by them.

"These were shipped from the city of San Juan Bautista, Tabasco, Mexico, and it is supposed that they were brought into that city by the peons, who gathered them in that immediate vicinity. It is further understood that there is no systematic attempt made to cultivate them, and that they practically grow wild under varying circumstances, which might in some measure account for variations found in them." (*Harmon.*)