

21609. CANAVALLA ENSIFORMIS.**Knife bean.**

From Piracicaba, Brazil. Presented by Dr. J. William Hart, director, Agricultural College, through Prof. C. V. Piper. Received November 30, 1907.

A bush form.

21610. SESBANIA AEGYPTIACA.

From India. Presented by Mr. W. R. Guilfoyle, director, Botanic Gardens, Melbourne, Australia. Received December 2, 1907.

(See S. P. I. No. 21542 for description.)

21611. PLOCAMA PENDULA.

From Monte, Grand Canary, Canary Islands. Presented by Mr. Alaricus Delmard. Received December 2, 1907.

"Seeds of a species of low-growing shrub which grows on the slopes of the arid hillsides in the Canary Islands. It has a most beautiful weeping habit, giving the plants the appearance of tiny weeping willows, not over 2½ to 3 feet high. This would be very beautiful as a cover for dry hillsides overlooking the sea. It has already been brought into culture. Will probably withstand severe drought." (*Fairchild.*)

21612. JUGLANS NIGRA × REGIA.**Walnut.**

From Pasadena, Cal. Presented by Mr. J. B. Wagner. Received December 4, 1907.

"Wagner's *Giant Hybrid*. This is a cross between Eastern Black and Santa Barbara Soft Shell. It is now about 20 inches in diameter—6 years from seed—while neither of its parents at same age, grown within 50 feet of it under same conditions, is over 5 inches in diameter. This, I believe, and Burbank says, is the most rapid growing hardwood tree in existence and a boon as wood and lumber." (*Wagner.*) (See also Nos. 19261 and 21710.)

21613. MUCUNA FAWCETTII.

From Kingston, Jamaica. Presented by Dr. William Fawcett, director, Hope Botanic Gardens. Received December 5, 1907.

21616 to 21639.

From Peking, Chi-li, China. Received through Mr. Frank N. Meyer, agricultural explorer, December 6 and 9, 1907.

21616. DIOSCOREA sp.**Yam.**

From Peking, Chi-li, China. "(No. 741a, Oct. 22, 1907.) A yam grown extensively in northern China, the roots being boiled and eaten; sometimes sugar coated and sold as a sweetmeat. A trifle sharp of taste. Can grow in rather alkaline soil, but loves drainage and deep soil; sometimes the tubers grow to be 4 feet long." (*Meyer.*)

21617. CHIONANTHUS RETUSA (?).**Chinese fringe tree.**

From Boshan, Shantung, China. "(No. 740a, Sept. 19, 1907.) An oleaceous, deciduous tree with Rhamnus-like leaves and bearing in spring a multitude of white, fringed, fragrant flowers, followed in the fall by masses of blue berries, looking like wild grapes. This tree is used by the Chinese to graft their *Olea fragrans* upon. Chinese name *Pai tou pi.*" (*Meyer.*)

21618. ZIZYPHUS SATIVA.**Jujube.**

From Laoling, Shantung, China. "(No. 743a, Sept. 30, 1907.) This variety, called *Chin sze tsao*, is said to be the best variety for the so-called honey jujube manufacture. It is a remarkably sweet variety." (*Meyer.*)