

21684. ZEA MAYS.**Corn.**

From Lima, Peru. Presented by Mr. T. F. Sedgwick, director, Estacion Experimental, through Mr. David Fairchild. Received December 12, 1907.

"A red corn used to make the national fermented drink, 'red chicha.' The common corn is used for chicha as well, but the color is about like that of fermented cane juice. The coloring matter in the red chicha is obtained chiefly from the cob. This red chicha is greatly liked by the natives and is sold at most fiestas by the laboring classes. I have never heard of its being used for coloring wine, but it is used in coloring gelatine." (*Sedgwick.*)

21688. CAPSICUM ANNUM.**Pepper.**

From Chico, Cal. Collected in Mexico and presented by Mr. Edward M. Ehrhorn, First Deputy Commissioner of Horticulture, San Francisco, Cal. Grown at the Plant Introduction Garden, season of 1907. Received December 7, 1907.

21689. CITRUS AURANTIUM.**Orange.**

From Algiers, Algeria. Presented by Dr. L. Trabut, government botanist of Algeria. Received December 16, 1907.

Précoce de Kabylie.

21691 to 21693. CUCURBITA MELANOSPERMA. Ecuador melon.

From Quito, Ecuador. Presented by Mr. S. Ordonez M. Received December 14, 1907.

21691. Long green shell.

21693. Green shell, striped white.

21692. White shell.

(For description see No. 18328.)

21695 to 21697. CYNARA SCOLYMUS.**Artichoke.**

From Milan, Italy. Received from Fratelli Ingegnoli, December 10, 1907.

21695. *Grosse Italia.*

21697. *Senza Spine di Venezia.*

21696. *Violetto di Provenza.*

21699. PERSEA GRATISSIMA.**Avocado.**

From Lima, Peru. Presented by Mr. T. F. Sedgwick, director, Estacion Experimentale, through Mr. O. W. Barrett. Received December 20, 1907.

21700 to 21702.

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

21700. *CHLORIS VIRGATA.*

From Tong-kwan-tun, Chi-li. "(No. 764a, Oct. 3, 1907.) A bad grass. Chinese name *Lu pu tun*. This annual grass overruns whole fields and is a great weed, but it resists alkali to a most remarkable degree and is eaten by all domestic animals. Overruns even alfalfa fields. For trial, without taking responsibility upon myself." (*Meyer.*)

21701. *CUCUMIS MELO.*

Muskmelon.

From Hanchau, Chekiang. "(No. 826a, June 27, 1907.) A small but sweet melon growing not much larger than a big apple." (*Meyer.*)

21702. *STACHYS AFFINIS.*

Crosne.

From Peking, Chi-li. "(No. 23, Nov. 5, 1907.) Chinese name *Kan lo*; used as appetizers by the better classes of Chinese. They pickle them in brine and serve them as they are. Foreigners stew them and eat them with a milk sauce, just like Jerusalem artichokes." (*Meyer.*)