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124250. *ILEX HOOKERI* King. Aquifoliaceae.  
Holly.

A small deciduous tree with leathery, narrowly oblong or lanceolate leaves 3 to 5 inches long and small globular berries  $\frac{1}{2}$  of an inch in diameter. Native to the Sikkim Himalayas.

For previous introduction see 102905.

124251. *ILEX INSIGNIS* Hook. f. Aquifoliaceae.  
Holly.

A small tree or shrub with thick grooved branches, which are purplish when young. The dark-green, leathery leaves, 5 to 9 inches long, are armed at the margins with small spine-tipped teeth. The bright-red, oval berries are nearly  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch long. Native to the Sikkim Himalayas where it grows at 7,000 feet altitude.

For previous introduction see 122095.

124252. *JASMINUM UNDULATUM* (L.) Ker. Oleaceae.

A climbing jasmine with slender hairy branches, opposite leaves about 2 inches long, and white, long-tubed flowers in terminal clusters of 6 to 10 flowers. Native to the Himalayas.

For previous introduction see 65259.

124253. *LILIUM WALLICHIANUM* Schult. f. Liliaceae. Wallich Lily.

A lily 4 to 6 feet high, with linear leaves 6 to 9 inches long, and usually solitary, creamy, waxy-white, fragrant flowers 9 inches long which are golden yellow at the base inside and green outside.

For previous introduction see 115983.

124254. *MAESA MACROPHYLLA* Wall. Myrsinaceae.

A large shrub or small tree, native to the eastern Himalayas. When the bark is cut, a resinous substance exudes. The wood is light brown and moderately hard.

For previous introduction see 93214.

124255. *MARSDENIA TENACISSIMA* (Roxb.) Wight and Arn. Asclepiadaceae.

A climbing plant, native to the Himalayas up to 5,000 feet, from Kumaon to Burma. The bark of the stems yields a fine silky fiber which is used for bow-strings because of its strength and durability. It is also used in making fishing nets, as submersion in water does not injure it.

For previous introduction see 39685.

124256. *DESMODIUM GYROIDES* DC. Fabaceae.

A shrubby leguminous plant 8 to 10 feet high, native to the warmer parts of the central and eastern Himalayas. It has pubescent leaves and terminal racemes of red-purple flowers and is found growing in

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valleys, at times even on the borders of swamps.

For previous introduction see 116599.

124257. *OSBECKIA CRINITA* Benth. Melastomaceae.

A much-branched shrub 4 to 8 feet high, with small narrow bristly leaves and large purple or pure-white flowers borne in terminal clusters. The plant is abundant at altitudes between 4,000 and 8,500 feet in the mountains of Sikkim and Bhutan, India.

For previous introduction see 102908.

124258. *OSBECKIA NEPALENSIS* Hook. Melastomaceae.

An evergreen shrub about 18 inches high, native to the Himalayas, with a rough erect stem, opposite, lanceolate rigid leaves, and large purplish-rose flowers in terminal and axillary panicles or corymbs.

For previous introduction see 122113.

124259. *POGOSTEMON GLABRUM* Wall. Menthaceae.

An erect, stout perennial related to *Pogostemon plectranthoides*. Native to the Himalayan region at altitudes of 1,000 to 3,000 feet.

124260. *RHODODENDRON ARBOREUM* J. E. Smith. Ericaceae. Tree rhododendron.

A bushy tree which sometimes attains a height of 25 feet, common in the temperate Himalayas from the Indus River to Bhutan at altitudes between 5,000 and 10,000 feet.

For previous introduction see 122127.

124261. *ZEA MAYS* L. Poaceae. Corn.

From Estonia, Europe. Seeds presented by Edward Wirgo, Estonian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, through Walter A. Leonard, Chargé d'Affairs, American Legation, Tallinn. Received May 12, 1937.

Sweet corn raised in Estonia from seed originally received from the United States.

124262. *LUFFA ACUTANGULA* (L.) Roxb. Cucurbitaceae. Singkwa towelgourd.

From India. Seeds presented by Adeltha Henry Peterson, Adyar, Madras Presidency. Received June 14, 1937.

Turai, or ridge gourd.

124263. *ERYTHRINA* sp. Fabaceae.

From Guatemala. Seeds presented by the Ministerio de Agricultura, Dirección General de Agricultura. Received June 11, 1937.

124264. *GEONOMA* sp. Phoenicaceae.

Palm.

From Central America. Seeds presented through David Barry, Los Angeles, Calif. Received June 11, 1937.