

124695 to 124722—Continued.

124718. RHODODENDRON MARIESII Hemsli. and Wilson.

A deciduous shrub up to 8 feet high, native to central China, and related to *Rhododendron rhombicum*. The ovate leaves, 2 to 3 inches long, are silky pubescent on the midrib beneath, and the 1 to 3 rose-pink, broadly campanulate flowers are 1 to 2 inches across.

For previous introduction see 87476.

124719. RHODODENDRON OVATUM (Lindl.) Planch.

An evergreen shrub up to 12 feet high, with broad-ovate leaves about 2 inches long and solitary pale-purple to whitish flowers about 1½ inches across. Native to central China.

124720. RHODODENDRON SIMSII Planch.

A much-branched shrub usually up to 5 feet high, with persistent or partly persistent, papery leaves and rose-red to dark-red, broad funnelform flowers 2 inches across and 2- to 6-flowered clusters. Native to China.

124721. STYRAX DASYANTHA Perkins. *Styracaceae*. Snowbell.

An ornamental Chinese shrub or small tree up to 25 feet high, with oblong-elliptic leaves about 3 inches long, and showy white fragrant flowers in slender racemes.

For previous introduction see 118808.

124722. STYRAX PHILADELPHOIDES Perkins. *Styracaceae*.

A large shrub 5 to 6 feet high, with thin narrowly oblong, hairy leaves 1 to 3 inches long and white flowers one-half inch long in small axillary and terminal racemes. Native to eastern China.

For previous introduction see 116157.

124723. ACACIA sp. *Mimosaceae*.

From Ankara, Turkey. Seeds collected by H. L. Westover and F. L. Wellman, Bureau of Plant Industry, United States Department of Agriculture. Received July 10, 1936. Numbered in July 1937.

No. 93. From the Ankara bazar, April 15, 1936.

124724. ECHEVERIA sp. *Crassulaceae*.

From Mexico. Seeds presented by E. O. Matthews. Parral, Chihuahua. Received July 27, 1937.

A plant with fleshy light-green leaves and a flower stalk 10 to 15 inches high. The flowers, bright orange to red, tipped with lighter yellow, are very showy and are borne profusely. Found growing on the walls of the mountains west of Parral at 6,500 feet altitude.

124725 and 124726. WISTERIA FLORIBUNDA (Willd.) DC. *Fabaceae*.

From Japan. Plants and cuttings presented by N. Suyetake, Tokyo. Received June 24, 1934. Numbered in August 1937.

A tall woody climber with leaves composed of ovate-elliptic to ovate-oblong leaflets 2 to 4 inches long and long slender racemes of fragrant violet or violet-blue flowers about 1 inch long. Native to Japan.

124725. Variety *Koshigaya*. From Saitama-ken.

124726. Variety *Ushijima*. From Saitama-ken.

124727 to 124731.

From China. Seeds collected by Capt. F. Kingdon Ward in Yunnan Province and presented by Sir Lionel de Rothschild, London, England. Received July 23, 1937.

124727. DYSOXYLUM sp. *Meliaceae*.

K. W. No. 12746. A large handsome evergreen tree whose fruit is used by the natives as soap. Found at 5,000 feet altitude.

124728. MADHUCA INDICA Gmel. (*Bassia latifolia* Roxb.). *Sapotaceae*. Mahwa.

A large tree, native to India, with a short trunk and many spreading branches, forming a dense rounded crown 40 to 50 feet high; the oblong-elliptic leaves are 3 to 5 inches long. The flowers have a velvety chocolate-colored calyx and a pale-green colored corolla with thick juicy petals, which are used in India as food. The ovoid green fruit, 1 to 2 inches long, has a rather granular pulp, not very attractive to western taste, but it is sold in the markets of Yunnan.

For previous introduction see 101089.

124729. MYRICA RUBRA Sieb. and Zucc. *Myricaceae*. Yang mel.

K. W. No. 12710. A handsome evergreen tree about 20 feet high, with dark-green-glossy foliage, found in forests of Yunnan at 5,000 feet altitude. The globular fruits, about the size of an apricot, are quite acid, and, owing to their fragility and peculiar structure, do not ship well. The fruits are salted and dried, because the fresh fruits are too soft to appeal to the Chinese palate.

For previous introduction see 93335.

124730. PORANA sp. *Convolvulaceae*.

A perennial with annual climbing stems and ovate, entire leaves; flowers not seen. Collected at 4,000 feet altitude.

124731. FIRMIANA COLORATA (Roxb.) R. Br. (*Sterculia colorata* Roxb.). *Sterculiaceae*.

A small deciduous tree with large roundish 3-lobed leaves and small, very numerous, vivid scarlet flowers, which appear in dense terminal panicles before the leaves. The tree is quick growing, probably flowers very young. Found in a forest that was mainly evergreen at 5,000 feet altitude.

For previous introduction see 124570.

124732 and 124733.

From Cuba. Seeds presented through F. G. Walsingham, Atkins Institution of the Arnold Arboretum, Soledad, Cienfuegos. Received July 28, 1937.

124732. JACARANDA CAUCANA Pittier. *Bignoniaceae*. Gualanday.

From Barranquilla, Colombia. An erect deciduous tree, native to the Cauca Valley, Colombia, where it is a favorite with the inhabitants because of its blue flowers. These are 1½ inches long, borne in large terminal panicles in summer just after the large pinnate leaves have fallen.

124733. STROPHANTHUS GRATIS (Wall. and Hook.) Baill. *Apocynaceae*.

Presented by the Department of Agriculture, Gold Coast, West Africa. A rank-growing woody creeper with leathery oblong, acuminate leaves 3 to 6 inches long and large pinkish-white flowers in terminal clusters, followed by enormous fruits nearly 3 feet long. Native to tropical Africa.

For previous introduction see 118004.