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and branches at various times of the year, especially in summer, and hardens to a pale yellow color. This gum has a pleasant aromatic odor and taste and thickens in plates covering the branches. The Arabs collect this substance in autumn and winter, and chew it to whiten the teeth and sweeten the breath.

For previous introduction see 95415.

127868. *PISTACIA INTEGERRIMA* Stewart.

A large tree up to 60 feet high, native to the warm slopes of the Himalayas in northern India. The aromatic, pinnate leaves are made up of 4 or 5 pairs of lanceolate leaflets with an oblique base. The small inconspicuous flowers are in racemose clusters and are followed by the bright-green drupes which are about $\frac{1}{4}$ inch across. This tree yields the famous zebra wood of India.

For previous introduction see 107621.

127869. *PISTACIA TEREBINTHUS* L.

False terebinth.

For previous introduction see 98174.

127870. *PISTACIA TEREBINTHUS* × *VERA*.127871. *PISTACIA*.127872. *PUNICA PROTOPUNICA* Balf. f. Punicaceae.

A small tree native to the island of Socotra, on the east coast of Africa, where it grows abundantly on the plateau sloping southward from the Hagier Peaks. In general habit it is not unlike the pomegranate, but its leaves are larger and coarser. The flowers are somewhat smaller, and the fruit is very much smaller.

For previous introduction see 26919.

127873 to 127875.

From Germany. Seeds presented by the Director, Botanic Gardens, Berlin-Dahlem. Received March 10, 1938.

127873. *ACANTHORHIZA ACULEATA* (Liebm.) Wendl. Phoenicaceae.

Rootspine palm.

A palm, native to Mexico, with a trunk 30 to 40 feet high, armed at the base with spines formed of the thickened aerial roots. The orbicular fan-shaped leaves are about 5 feet in diameter on stalks 4 feet long; the flowers are dark creamy pink.

For previous introduction see 120279.

127874. *IMPATIENS SCABRIDA* DC. Impatientaceae.

Snapweed.

For previous introduction and description see 127782.

127875. *VIOLA ATHOIS* W. Becker. Violaceae.

A violet with leafy stems 4 to 7 inches high, lower leaves orbicular, upper leaves oblong, and large violet flowers. Allied to *Viola gracilis* and native to northern Greece.

127876 to 127887. *PRUNUS ARMENIACA* L. Amygdalaceae. Apricot.

From South Dakota. Scions presented by N. E. Hansen, State College Experiment Station, Brookings. Received March 15, 1938.

127876. *Anda*.127882. *Ninguta*.127877. *Chow*.127883. *Sansin*.127878. *Hulan*.127884. *Sing*.127879. *Lalin*.127885. *Sino*.127880. *Manchu*.127886. *Tola*.127881. *Mandarin*.127887. *Zun*.