

21834 to 21836. ANDROPOGON SORGHUM (L.) Brot. Kafir.

From Maiduguri, Bornu, Sudan, Africa. Presented by Prof. J. Burtt Davy, agrostologist and botanist, Transvaal Department of Agriculture, Pretoria, Transvaal. Received January 27, 1908.

21834. *Black-Hull.*

21836. *White Matakwa.*

21835. *Red Matakwa.*

21837. BAMBOS ARUNDINACEA Retz. Bamboo.

From Sibpur, Calcutta, India. Presented by Capt. A. T. Gage, superintendent, Royal Botanic Garden, through Mr. W. W. Smith. Received January 28, 1908.

(For description see No. 21317.)

21838. TRITICUM AESTIVUM L. Wheat.

From Vomero, Naples, Italy. Presented by Dr. C. Sprenger. Received January 28, 1908.

"The kind of grain which is used for the straw-plaiting industry of Italy is *Triticum aestivum* var. *crimcron*, called commonly in Italian *Grano Marzuolo*.

"There are two undervarieties known, the *Santa Fiara* and the *Semone*, which are cultivated on poor, thin land. The seed is planted in the month of November and also in February, and sown very thickly. We pull it up when the ear begins to be formed." (*Angiolo Puccì*.)

"The straw used in the plaiting industry is that of a special kind of very dwarf wheat; it is sown in November (in Italy). The straw is dried and afterwards blanched with sulphur. This blanched straw is the material used in all industries of this kind." (*Sprenger*.)

21860. CANARIUM LUZONICUM (Blume) Gray. Pili nut.

From Manila, P. I. Presented by Mr. George A. Spooner, Pay Department, U. S. Army, Chicago, Ill. Received January 25, 1908.

"This nut is largely used in the Philippine Islands and East Indies for food. It is said that the flavor is finer when the meat is blanched and salted, after the manner in which salted almonds are prepared." (*Ralph A. Gould*.)

21861. DIMORPHOTHECA SPECTABILIS Schlechter.

From Barberton, Transvaal. Presented by Mr. George Thornecroft. Received January 18, 1908.

"Habitat: Grows on stony hills, altitude 6,000 feet. Flowers in September, with the first shower of rain. (We get no rain here from the end of March until August.) It is the handsomest of all our daisies." (*Thornecroft*.)

"The plant grows 30 to 45 centimeters high and has bright purple rays about 2.5 centimeters long and a purple disk." (*Schlechter*.)

21862 and 21863. SPERGULA ARVENSIS L. Spurry.

From Paris, France. Purchased from Vilmorin-Andrieux & Co. Received January 30, 1908.

21862. *Corn or Common.*

21863. *Giant.*

21864. DIOSCOREA DECAISNEANA Carr. Yam.

From Paris, France. Purchased from Vilmorin-Andrieux & Co. Received January 30, 1908.

21865. COLEUS AMBOINICUS Lour.

From Toco, Trinidad. Collected by Mr. O. W. Barrett in October, 1907.