

137691 to 137693—Continued.**137692.** *INDIGOFERA TEYSMANNI* Miquel. Fabaceae.

A small purple-flowered tree with hard durable wood. It grows rapidly, and is useful for shading young coffee plants.

For previous introduction see 29186.

137693. *TEPHROSIA* sp. Fabaceae.**137694.** *CASTANOSPERMUM AUSTRALE* Cunn. and Fraser. Fabaceae.**Moreton Bay chestnut.**

From Australia. Seeds presented by C. G. Savage, Director of Fruit Culture, Department of Agriculture, New South Wales. Received June 20, 1940.

A large ornamental leguminous tree, native to Queensland and New South Wales, where it is said to grow abundantly along rivers. The large evergreen leaves and the racemes of bright orange-yellow flowers make an attractive picture in any subtropical garden. The pod, 8 to 9 inches long, contains 3 to 5 large seeds, resembling chestnuts, that are poisonous.

For previous introduction see 45504.

137695 and 137696.

From Australia. Seeds presented by E. A. Southee, Principal, Hawkesbury Agricultural College, Richmond. Received June 20, 1940.

137695. *CUCUMIS METULIFERUS* E. Mey. Cucurbitaceae. **Cucumber.**

Africa Horned Cucumber. This South African "wild cucumber" is native to the Kalahari Desert and the Belgian Congo. The plant is an annual creeper, much branched, and covered with bristly hairs. The dark-green leaves are similar to those of the ordinary cucumber, and the flowers are yellow. The gourdlike fruit when ripe is about 5 inches long and is covered with short hard spines. It is eaten in the same way as the ordinary cucumber.

For previous introduction see 65694.

137696. *CUCUMIS SATIVUS* L. **Cucumber.**

Bangalore.

137697 to 137703.

From South Australia. Seeds presented by the Waite Agricultural Institute, Glen Osmond. Received June 18, 1940.

137697. *BROMUS CATHARTICUS* Vahl. Poaceae. **Grass.**

An annual or biennial grass, up to 2 feet high, which forms a large stool and spreads rapidly from the root divisions. It is native to South America and is a good forage grass.

For previous introduction see 130892.

137698. *EHRHARTA CALYCINA* J. E. Smith. Poaceae. **Perennial veldtgrass.**

A heavy-yielding drought-resistant and nutritious grass that grows to a height of more than 4 feet and seeds profusely. Native to South Africa.

For previous introduction see 81943.

137699. *MEDICAGO TRUNCATULA* Gaertn. Fabaceae. **Medic.**

For previous introduction see 134760.

137700. *STIPA NITIDA* Summerh. and Hubb. Poaceae. **Grass.**

A slender perennial grass up to 2 feet high. Native to South Australia.

137701. *STIPA SCABRA* Lindl. **Grass.**

A perennial grass, typically with slender, tufted stems 1 to 2 feet high. Native to Australia.