

23930 to 24113—Continued.

23961. RICINUS COMMUNIS L.**Castor oil bean.**

From Peking, Chihli, China. "(No. 1017a, Mar. 25, 1908.) The castor oil bean which is grown all over China, the oil being used for culinary purposes, viz, all the doughnuts and small cakes which the Chinese eat for breakfast are fried in it, and it seems to lose its peculiar medicinal properties after having been heated. Chinese name *Ta ma tze*." (Meyer.)

23962. COIX LACRYMA-JOBI L.**Job's tears.**

From Peking, Chihli, China. "(No. 1018a, Mar. 25, 1908.) The well-known Job's tears, seeds of which are used for ornaments. Chinese name *Tsao choo tze*." (Meyer.)

23963 and 23964. BRASSICA PEKINENSIS (Lour.) Skeels. (SINAPIS PEKINENSIS Lour.) (BRASSICA PETSAI Bailey.)**Chinese cabbage.**

From Peking, Chihli, China. (Mar. 25, 1908.)

23963. "(No. 1019a.) Chinese name *Boo to pai tsai*."

23964. "(No. 1020a.) Chinese name *Shoo pai tsai*."

"Sow the cabbages at the end of July or early in August, transplant in early September in well-worked and heavily manured soil. Do not let them suffer from lack of water. Harvest after the first heavy frost and store away in a cool, frostproof cellar. Will do especially well in the irrigated sections of the United States." (Meyer.)

23965. BRASSICA JUNCEA (L.) Cass.**Chinese mustard.**

From Peking, Chihli, China. "(No. 1021a, Mar. 25, 1908.) Grown as an early vegetable for greens, being sown very early in spring in a well-worked, light, warm soil. Pulled up and sold in bunches; also picked for private use. Chinese name *Yi tsai*." (Meyer.)

23966. BRASSICA RAPA L.**Turnip.**

From Peking, Chihli, China. "(No. 1022a, Mar. 25, 1908.) Probably a long, white spring turnip. As such, grow it in light, well-worked soil. Sow in rows as early as possible in a protected place. The turnips stewed with milk form a good dish in the early summer. Chinese name *Pien lang*." (Meyer.)

23967. RAPHANUS SATIVUS L.**Radish.**

From Peking, Chihli, China. "(No. 1023a, Mar. 25, 1908.) A red variety. Sow in hills, distance $1\frac{1}{2}$ feet apart, in early August, on well-drained soil. Harvest before heavy frost. Store in cellar for winter use. Eaten stewed like turnips. Chinese name *Tung lung hong lou ba*." (Meyer.)

23968 and 23969. RAPHANUS SATIVUS L.**Radish.**

From Peking, Chihli, China. (Mar. 25, 1908.)

23968. "(No. 1024a.) Chinese name *Tsui lou poo* (green radish-turnip)."

23969. "(No. 1025a.) Chinese name *Hong swee lou poo* (red radish-turnip)."

"These peculiar roots are largely eaten by the Chinese as appetizers and really are very pleasing to the taste and promote digestion. Sow in early August in well-drained soil, in hills $1\frac{1}{2}$ feet apart in each direction. Harvest before a heavy frost and store in cool cellars for winter use. Always eaten raw and sliced lengthwise." (Meyer.)