

INVENTORY.

24430. MEDICAGO SATIVA L.

Alfalfa.

From Arequipa, Peru. Purchased from Berger & Guzman, through Mr. C. V. Piper. Received January 2, 1909.

Peruvian.

24431 to 24433.

From Buitenzorg, Java. Presented by Dr. M. Treub, director, Department of Agriculture. Received January 5, 1909.

The following seeds:

24431. LANSIUM DOMESTICUM Jack.

Doekoe.

"The doekoe is one of the most refreshing fruits of the Dutch East Indies, and is eaten in immense quantities both by the native Javanese and the Dutch. It is about the size of a French prune, of a straw color, and the leathery rind, which is easily peeled off, exposes a pulp of a peculiar, almost waxy, texture. The several segments into which this pulp divides contain each a large seed, which is intensely bitter to the taste, so that care is always exercised in eating the fruit not to bite into the seed. The flavor is mildly subacid and decidedly refreshing. While not to be ranked with the mangosteen, the doekoe, in my opinion, is worthy of serious consideration as a new fruit for shipping purposes." (*David Fairchild.*)

Distribution.—Widely cultivated in India, and probably a native of the Malay Archipelago; also reported from the Philippines.

24432. GARCINIA TINCTORIA (DC.) W. F. Wight.

Distribution.—A native of the mountains of India, extending from the Himalayas south to the Andaman Islands.

24433. ATALANTIA BILOCULARIS (Roxb.) Wall. (LIMONIA BILOCULARIS Roxb.)

A small shrub, armed with solitary, long, sharp spines. The leaves are alternate, elliptical in outline, wavy margined, and firm and glossy. The small, pure white flowers are borne in axillary clusters. The black berries are about the size and shape of a pea and are succulent.

Distribution.—A native of the southeastern part of China and of the islands of Hainan and Formosa.

24434. PANICUM MUTICUM Forsk.

Para grass.

From Tampico, Mexico, whence it was secured by Mr. John Kennedy, of Sarita, Tex., who presented the same to this Department. Numbered for convenience in recording distribution, January 5, 1909.

"Distinct from ordinary strain of Para grass. More vigorous and recovers more quickly after cutting, and decidedly superior." (*S. M. Tracy.*)