

24763. INDIGOFERA SUBULATA Vahl.

From Kingston, Jamaica. Presented by Mr. William Harris, superintendent of public gardens, Department of Agriculture, Hope Gardens. Received February 23, 1909.

Seeds.

Distribution.—Found in both the East and West Indies, in Mexico, and on the Florida keys; in Upper Guinea and Senegambia, in Africa; and on the plains of the western peninsula of India and in Ceylon.

24766. STIZOLOBIUM sp.**Florida velvet bean.**

From Biloxi, Miss. Grown by Prof. S. M. Tracy, special agent. Received February 25, 1909.

White. "A variety of the Florida velvet bean with white or nearly white seeds. Limited experience with it indicates that it is more prolific than the ordinary velvet bean. Grown from S. P. I. No. 22923." (*C. V. Piper.*)

24767. MEDICAGO SATIVA L.**Alfalfa.**

From Tauberbischofsheim, Baden, Germany. Secured from Landwirtschaftliches Lagerhaus für das Frankenland, through Mr. Charles J. Brand. Received February 11, 1909.

"*Alt-Deutsche Fränkische* lucern. The chief area of production of this strain of alfalfa is the district known as the Taubergrund, in northern Baden and Württemberg and western Bavaria. The Taubergrund includes practically the whole drainage basin of the Tauber, a short stream that rises in the heights of Franconia and empties into the Main near Wertheim. The seed is also produced to some extent in the Neckarthal of Baden and Württemberg.

"Tauberbischofsheim, the source of the present sample, is only about six miles distant from Kilsheim, the original home of Wendelin Grimm, who brought the now well-known *Grimm* alfalfa to Minnesota in 1857. At the request of the writer, Mr. Ludwig Keller, of Oberschüpf, Baden, made some inquiries into the history of *Old German Franconian* alfalfa. The following, in free translation, is quoted from his report: 'This lucern was probably introduced into this country (Germany) at a very early time; it has adapted itself to the existing local conditions and has developed into a special strain of a certain constancy. Doubtless it is the same alfalfa that Farmer Grimm took with him to America. No other form is cultivated in our section on account of the superiority of this one.' (P. L. H. No. 3385.)" (*Brand.*)

24768 and 24769. GARCINIA spp.

From Buitenzorg, Java. Presented by Dr. M. Treub, director, Department of Agriculture. Received February 27, 1909.

Seeds of the following:

24768. GARCINIA MANGOSTANA L.

Distribution.—A small native tree of southern Tenasserim and the Malay Peninsula, in India, and of the Malay Archipelago. Cultivated in Ceylon and in the Madras Presidency and in Trinidad and Jamaica in the West Indies.

24769. GARCINIA COWA Roxb. (?)

For experiments in grafting the mangosteen.

Distribution.—A native tree of India, extending from the hills of eastern Bengal, through Assam and Burma, and to the Andaman Islands.