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can horticulturists and perfumers, it would appear that an impression prevails in the United States that the rose geranium employed in the famous essence manufactory near this city is a special variety peculiar to the district. Such, however, is not the case, but the plants raised in the vicinity of Valencia have been distinguished from time immemorial by the intensity of their fragrance and the quantity of essential oil they yield, qualities which undoubtedly depend to some extent on local climatic and soil conditions, as the same geranium transplanted to other European countries, and even to other regions of Spain itself, loses considerably in this respect. The plants used in the perfume distillery are grown close to the sea on soil so extremely light and sandy that in some places it looks like a continuation of the seashore." (*Byrne.*)

25254. STIZOLOBIUM sp.

From Yokohama, Japan. Purchased from the Yokohama Nursery Company. Received April, 1909.

"This is widely cultivated in Hokkaido. *The Useful Plants of Japan* has to say: '*Mucuna capitata* Wight et Arn., Jap. *Osharaku-mame*, *Hassho-mame*; an annual leguminous climber cultivated in common dry land. The young soft grains are eaten boiled and have a taste of *Vicia faba* L., but this bean contains a poisonous ingredient in a slight quantity; so it is advisable to eat moderately.'" (*Yokohama Nursery Company.*)

Note.—The above seed was sent in as *Mucuna capitata*; hence the description.

25255. PHASEOLUS ANGULARIS (Willd.) W. F. Wight.

Grown at Arlington Farm, Virginia, season of 1908. Received in the fall of 1908.

"Grown from Agros. No. 0516. This seed was received from the Tokyo Botanical Garden in 1907. The seed is a pale-straw color or nearly white, much lighter than any other variety yet obtained." (*C. V. Piper.*)

25256. DOLICHOS LABLAB L.**Bonavist bean.**

From Paris, France. Purchased from Vilmorin-Andrieux & Co. Received April 10, 1909.

Stringless. Mottled reddish brown.

25257. MEDICAGO SATIVA L.**Alfalfa.**

From Barga, Baden, Germany. Secured from Mr. Adam Joos, Barga, near Sinsheim, Baden, through Mr. Charles J. Brand. Received April 12, 1909.

Pfalzer luzerne. "This seed was grown in the Bavarian Rhine Palatinate. (P. L. H. No. 3438.)" (*Brand.*)

25258. AVENA SATIVA L.**Oat.**

From Sebenico, Dalmatia, Austria. Presented by Mr. Carlo Ruggeri. Received April 7, 1909.

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From Palestine. Presented by Mr. E. F. Beaumont, Jerusalem, Palestine. Received April 10, 1909.

25259. AVENA SATIVA L.**Oat.**

From Plain of Sharon, near Jaffa.

25260. HORDEUM sp.**Barley.**

From mountain country around Jerusalem.