

1028. NITRARIA SCHOBERI.**Salt-peter bush.**

From Sarepta, southern Russia. Received through Prof. N. E. Hansen, May 24, 1898. (2 packages.)

A desert shrub native to the salt steppes near Sarepta and the salt or alkali steppes to the east and southeast, extending into Siberia and China and to the vicinity of the Caspian Sea. "Alexander Becker informed me that the berries were sometimes eaten by the natives in China. Koehne (*Deutsche Dendrologie*, p. 345) and Dippel (*Handbuch der Laubholzkunde*, Vol. II, p. 359) do not mention China as part of its habitat. The statement is on the authority of Alexander Becker of Sarepta, who collected the present sample and who has collected for many years for the St. Petersburg Botanic Gardens. The name 'salt-peter bush' is that given by Dippel and Koehne." (*Professor Hansen*.)

1029. COLUTEA CRUENTA.

From Sarepta, Russia. Received through Prof. N. E. Hansen, May 24, 1898. (2 packages.)

Originally brought from Transcaucasia. A beautiful ornamental bush.

1030. CUCUMIS MELO.**Muskmelon.**

From Kazan, Russia. Received through Prof. N. E. Hansen, May 24, 1898. (10 packages.)

A Kalmuck variety. Flesh yellow.

1031. TRIFOLIUM PRATENSE.**Red clover.**

From the experiment station at Valujka, province of Samara, Russia. Received through Prof. N. E. Hansen, May 24, 1898. Seed of 1897. (1 package.)

"Variety *pallida*."

1032. CUCUMIS MELO.**Muskmelon.**

From Saratof, Russia. Received through Prof. N. E. Hansen, May 24, 1898. (10 packages.)

Variety "Bokhara;" white-fleshed, oval, yellow, smooth, 12 by 8 inches in diameter; seed very small; further described as early and delicious.

1033. MEDICAGO SATIVA.**Alfalfa.**

From the experiment station at Valujka, Samara province, Russia. Received through Prof. N. E. Hansen. (1 package.)

1034. MEDICAGO SATIVA × FALCATA.**Alfalfa.**

From the experiment station at Valujka, near Rovna, Samara province, Russia. Received through Prof. N. E. Hansen, May 24, 1898. (1 package.)

"Natural hybrid of French and native yellow-flowered lucern (*M. falcata*) originated on the station grounds; the two species show a tendency to mix. Mari-laun (in *Pflanzenleben*, Vol. II, p. 558) calls such hybrids *M. media*."

1035. CUCUMIS MELO.**Muskmelon.**

From Kazan, Russia. Received through Prof. N. E. Hansen, May 24, 1898. (4 packages.)

"Bokhara," white-fleshed; obtained from a Tartar vender.

1036. ASTRAGALUS ONOBRYCHIS.

From the Experiment Station at Valujka, Samara Province, Russia. Received through Prof. N. E. Hansen, May 24, 1898. (1 package.)

The native esparsette. Closely related to the ground plum of the western prairies.