

26062 to 26065—Continued.

Seeds of each of the following:

- 26062.** *Tanguyon* (also spelled *Tangouan* and *Tongongon*).
26063. *Libuton*.
26064. *Puteean*.
26065. *Arupan*.

"Mr. Saleeby, who is making a careful study of abacá (Manila hemp), writes that although abacá seedlings are often found in the fields in well-shaded moist places, he has never found good plants growing directly from the seeds. He suggests trying to grow plants from root cuttings or suckers from the seedlings that we may secure. He also states that he finds seedlings only in soil well drained yet constantly moist and constantly shaded. I would suggest that these seeds be grown with a view to sending the young plants to Porto Rico." (*Dewey*.)

26067. BETA VULGARIS L.**Beet.**

From Sicily. Presented by Dr. Carl Sprenger, Hortus Botanicus Vomerenis, Vomero, Naples, Italy. Received October 5, 1909.

Seed collected in a wild state.

26068. APIUM GRAVEOLENS L.**Celery.**

From France. Presented by Mrs. E. M. Sheridan, 2300 G street NW., Washington, D. C., who procured the seed from Vilmorin-Andrieux & Co., Paris, France. Received October 5, 1909.

Improved Paris celeri-rave (Falaise). "The taste of this is similar to the meat of the large artichoke and only requires boiling and a dressing of drawn butter gravy after it is cut in slices or small chunks." (*Sheridan*.)

"Sow in February or March in a bed under glass; set out in well-manured ground at a distance of 30 to 40 centimeters (12 to 16 inches). Harvest in August and September.

"Plant in nursery beds in April or May; set out in May or June. Gather in October or November and keep during the winter.

"A variety obtained by Mr. Falaise and distinguished from the common celeri-rave by a much greater development of the root. Foliage tolerably high with slender petioles, dark green, strongly tinted with red; the leaves themselves are large, tolerably serrate, of a dark and shining green, especially on the upper part of the stalk. It is the race most liked by the Parisian market gardeners; it is an improvement on Large Smooth Paris celeri-rave, which it has replaced and which was itself a good selection from Common celeri-rave." (*Vilmorin-Andrieux & Co.*)

26069. ARALIA CORDATA Thunb.**Udo.**

From New York, N. Y. Purchased from J. M. Thorburn & Co. Received October 7, 1909.

Kan. See Bureau of Plant Industry Bulletin 42 for description; also S. P. I. No. 9166.

26070 to 26077. MEDICAGO spp.

From Chico, Cal. Grown at the Plant Introduction Garden by Mr. Roland McKee. Received September 22, 1909.

Seeds of the following; descriptive notes by Mr. McKee:

- 26070.** *MEDICAGO HISPIDA CONFINIS* (Koch) Burnat.

"This is a selection from S. P. I. No. 16771 made at Chico, Cal., in 1906. It is a prickless form of bur clover and well adapted for pasturage, especially for sheep. It should be tested throughout the southern and southwestern United States. It has been grown for the increase of seed."