

26135—Continued.

The following notes were taken from a letter written by Doctor Schröder to Professor Hansen; clause in brackets is by Professor Hansen:

"In Persia the schabdar seed is usually sown in the fall, not too late. It endures the winter quite well. By sowing in the fall it develops in the spring so quickly that the first cutting is ready before the first cutting of alfalfa. According to information obtained in Persia the schabdar endures several years. This lot is of a new variety which endures from five to seven years. The fact that this plant is perennial comes in conflict with botanical statements [that it is an annual].

"In Persia the fresh shoots of the schabdar are also used for salad. The flowers are visited by bees."

26136. GOSYPIUM BARBADENSE L.**Cotton.**

From Nyassaland Protectorate, British Central Africa. Presented by Mr. J. Stewart J. McCall, director of agriculture, Zomba. Received October 23, 1909.

"*Egyptian (Abbasi)*. Our Egyptian is not nearly so good as our Upland cotton (S. P. I. No. 25964)." (*McCall*.)

26137. FRAGARIA sp.**Strawberry.**

From Germany. Presented by Rev. J. M. W. Farnham, Chinese Tract Society, Shanghai, China. Received September 13, 1909

White fruited.

(Seed.)

26138 to 26140. RIBES hybrids.**Gooseberry.**

From Little Silver, N. J. Presented by Dr. W. Van Fleet. Received October 22, 1909.

Plants of the following; quoted notes by Doctor Van Fleet:

26138. RIBES MISSOURIENSE × RECLINATUM.

"Third generation. (*R. gracile* (*R. missouriense*) × *Red Warrington* × *Triumph* × *Keepsake*.) Six-year-old plant, very vigorous, 6 feet high, disease-resistant foliage, productive, berries dark reddish-purple when ripe, smooth, thin skinned, larger than Houghton, excellent quality, seeds small."

26139. RIBES CYNOSBATI × RECLINATUM.

"Second generation. (*R. cynosbati* × *Triumph* × *Whitesmith*.) Fair grower; rather spreading; good, disease-resistant foliage; berries large, dark red when ripe, few soft spines, very firm, agreeable flavor, small seeds; excellent for jelly."

26140. RIBES ROTUNDFOLIUM × RECLINATUM.

"Third generation. (*R. rotundifolium* × *Houghton* × *Triumph* × *Keepsake*.) Healthy, upright grower; disease-resistant foliage; berries rather small, smooth, bright red when ripe, brisk, pleasant quality, exceedingly productive."

"These hybrids are final selections from hundreds of seedlings, representing 12 years of arduous work."

NOTE.—"Houghton is supposed to be *R. oxycanthoides* × *grossularia* (*reclinatum*)."

26141 and 26142.

From Pretoria, Transvaal, South Africa. Presented by Mr. F. T. Nicholson, secretary, Transvaal Agricultural Union. Received October 25, 1909.

26141. VICIA FABA L.**Horse bean.**

Light brown seeded.

(Seed.)

26142. GLADIOLUS sp.

(Bulbs.)