

26200—Continued.

Distribution.—The countries bordering on the Mediterranean Sea and the Canary Islands.

26201 and 26202.

From 30 miles north of Hangchow, China. Presented by Rev. J. M. W. Farnham, Presbyterian Mission, Shanghai, China. Received November 2, 1909.

Seeds of the following:

26201. CUCUMIS MELO L. **Muskmelon.**

Golden.

26202. SILENE sp. **Wild pink.**

“Found on the mountain here.” (*Farnham.*)

26203 to 26206.

Presented by Mr. H. F. Schultz, Ancon, Canal Zone, Panama. Received November 9, 1909.

26203. ANONA SQUAMOSA L.

From David, Chiriqui, Panama. “Seed from a tree bearing large and very superior fruits of fine flavor.” (*Schultz.*)

26204. ARRACACIA sp. **“Aracache.”**

From Boquete, Chiriqui, Panama. “Tubers of a plant found growing in the neighborhood of Boquete in a cultivated and semicultivated state. The tubers grow to a size of 6 to 15 inches in length and about 6 to 8 inches in diameter, weighing from 2 to 10 pounds. The foliage resembles somewhat that of celery, and it grows to a height of about 10 to 18 inches above the ground. The taste of the root resembles a cross between a potato, celery, and asparagus, and it is eaten like potatoes, roasted, baked, or fried, as well as cut up in soups. I have found it growing at an altitude of 3,000 to 5,000 feet above sea level, and the inhabitants claim that it will not grow on the lower levels. I think, however, that it will do well in the Gulf States and that it will prove valuable, as I know that it is a well-flavored vegetable.” (*Schultz.*)

See S. P. I. No. 3511 for previous introduction.

26205. BYRSONIMA COTINIFOLIA H. B. K.

From Chiriqui, Panama. “Seeds of a fruit called ‘Nance’ which is used by the inhabitants as the main ingredient for a cooling and very pleasing drink. This tree is found growing at all altitudes from sea level up to about 4,000 feet and above. I do not think that it is a very valuable tree. It may possibly succeed in southern California.” (*Schultz.*)

Distribution.—Along the Pacific coast of Mexico, from the province of Tepic to Chiapas.

26206. PARMENTIERA CEREIFERA Seem.

From Bugaba, Panama. “Seed of an ornamental tree with peculiarly shaped candle-like fruits produced in great abundance on the second year’s growth of the plant. The long, smooth, yellow fruits are 8 to 20 inches long and one-half to three-fourths of an inch in diameter, containing in the strong, fibrous, fleshy pulp numerous small flat seeds. The inside of the fruit has a strong musky fragrance, and the appearance of the bushy, spreading shrub, which grows to a height of about 12 to 15 feet, with its numerous candle-like fruits, is quite odd. The fruits were obtained on the ranch of Mr. Alexander Croetsch, of Bugaba, province of Chiriqui, and flowers were not in evidence.” (*Schultz.*)

Distribution.—Confined to the valley of Chagres River, Republic of Panama.