

26414 to 26418—Continued.

26417. Striped rind; red flesh; black seeds.

26418. Rind nearly white; red flesh; small reddish-brown seeds. This variety was quite uniform, there being only one type; grown from the second lot of S. P. I. No. 22658, received May 14.

26421 to 26423.

From Hwai Yuan, via Nanking, China. Presented by Mr. Samuel Cochran, American Presbyterian Mission. Received October 15, 1909.

Seeds of the following; notes and native names by Mr. Cochran:

26421. CITRULLUS VULGARIS Schrad. **Watermelon.**

“Hwang jang hsi kwa,” yellow fleshed.

26422 and 26423. BRASSICA PEKINENSIS (Lour.) Skeels. **Pe tsai cabbage.**

26422. *T'ang pei ts'ai* (soup white vegetable).

Planted in spring, summer, and autumn by sowing thickly on freshly cultivated soil and then raking in. Ready for use in 20 to 30 days. Eaten boiled. It is also sometimes transplanted from the beds sown as above into rows, each bunch being a foot or so apart. It then grows into large, thick-stalked bunches which are pickled and eaten during the entire year. It is gathered at first hoarfrost when grown in this way, as the first frost kills it.

26423. *P'iao pei ts'ai* (dipper white vegetable).

So called from the shape of the leaf. Sown in beds in August and transplanted into rows in bunches, each clump being separate. It is transplanted in September or early October, and is ripe when snow falls; it continues to ripen through the winter in spite of frost and snow, but its quality is improved by being covered with straw.

26424 to 26439.

Procured by Mr. A. J. Perkins, of the firm of Jackson & Perkins, Newark, N. J., while making a trip through Japan. Received December 8, 1909.

Seeds of the following obtained in Japan, unless otherwise noted; descriptive notes by Mr. Perkins:

26424. AKEBIA LOBATA Decaisne.

A vine from which baskets are made at Aomori, Japan. It is used as an ornamental in the United States. Seeds of an especially large-fruited variety as well as a common kind are contained in this lot.

See No. 24744 for previous introduction and distribution.

26425. CITRUS sp. **Orange.**

“*Yusu*.” A Japanese sour orange, round and flat. Used as lemon and as a stock.

26426. CITRUS TRIFOLIATA L.

Seed from a tree in the Yokohama Nursery Co.'s grounds.

26427 and 26428. CUCURBITA PEPO L. **Squash.**

26427. “*Chirimen*.” Has a rough, knotted exterior; named after a kind of silk having rough knots in its texture.

26428. “*Kikuza*.” Has a smooth exterior, as its name signifies.

Both these kinds are said to have yellow meat $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches thick which is of fine flavor when boiled.