

**27765 to 27767.**

From Mazatlan, Mexico. Presented by Dr. J. N. Rose, associate curator, Division of Plants, Smithsonian Institution, United States National Museum, Washington, D. C. Received April 23, 1910.

Seeds of the following; notes by Dr. Rose:

**27765.** BROMELIA sp.

(Rose No. 13982.)

**27766.** BROMELIA sp.

(Rose No. 13983.)

"These seem to represent different species. The fruit is sold in the market at Mazatlan."

**27767.** ACROCOMIA MEXICANA KARW.

"(Rose No. 13969.) A tall tree growing in low ground, fruit common in the markets in April and May. The fruits after being peeled are cooked in sugar and eaten by the poorer classes." (Rose.)

*Distribution.*—In damp woods along both coasts of tropical Mexico.

**27768. PTEROCARYA FRAXINIFOLIA (Lam.) Spach.**

From Elk Grove, Cal. Presented by Messrs. Tribble Bros., through Mr. Peter Bisset. Received April 28, 1910.

"An ornamental deciduous tree, attaining a height of 60 feet, of rapid growth, with spreading branches, graceful, dark-green foliage, decorated in summer and fall with the long, drooping racemes of light-green fruits. Is hardy as far north as Massachusetts. It thrives best in rich and moist soil, but also grows in drier localities. Propagated by seed and by layers and suckers." (*Extract from Bailey's Cyclopaedia of American Horticulture.*)

*Distribution.*—In woods in the regions bordering on the southern shores of the Black and Caspian seas and in the northern part of Persia.

**27769 to 27775.**

From Tiflis, Caucasus, Russia. Obtained from the Botanic garden by Mr. Frank N. Meyer, agricultural explorer. Received April 26, 1910.

Cuttings of the following:

**27769.** MALUS SYLVESTRIS Miller.

**Apple.**

From Tiflis, Caucasus, Russia. "(No. 488, Mar. 22, 1910.) A native Caucasian variety of apple, called '*Pschacha Chis.*' A winter apple excellently fitted for keeping and transport. Suitable for regions where dry and hot summers prevail." (Meyer.)

**27770.** PYRUS COMMUNIS L.

**Pear.**

From Tiflis, Caucasus, Russia. "(No. 492, Mar. 22, 1910.) A native Caucasian variety of pear, called '*Dilafruz.*' Suitable for regions like No. 488 (S. P. I. No. 27769)." (Meyer.)

**27771.** PRUNUS AVIUM L.

**Cherry.**

From Tiflis, Caucasus, Russia. "(No. 702, Mar. 22, 1910.) A native Caucasian variety of cherry, called '*Sari Gilaz.*' Fruits large, heart shaped, slightly compressed from the sides; color yellow; flesh light yellow, slightly translucent; taste sour-sweet; stone large, slightly oval, easily separated from pulp. Ripens at beginning of June. A very prolific bearer. Suitable for regions like No. 488 (S. P. I. No. 27769)." (Meyer.)