

27961 to 27968—Continued.

27962. PUNICA GRANATUM L.

Pomegranate.

From near Yelisavetpol, Caucasus, Russia. "(No. 754, Apr. 7, 1910.) The wild pomegranate which grows everywhere in the eastern part of the Caucasus and stands drought, heat, sterility of soil, etc., to a remarkable degree. The fruits are small and sour, but their juice can be used as a digestive seasoning with meats and game. Recommended as a hedge plant in mild-wintered, semiarid regions." (Meyer.)

27963. VITIS VINIFERA L.

Grape.

From Yelisavetpol, Caucasus, Russia. "(No. 761, Apr. 5, 1910.) A tall grape of local origin, called '*Tavrish*' (synonyms *Handja Gandja* and *Blanc de Gangin*). Bunch medium large; berries round, medium size, of a pale-yellow color, very sweet; skin slightly hard. A very good shipper and keeper, being seen on the market until early summer." (Meyer.)

27964. VITIS VINIFERA L.

Grape.

From Yelisavetpol, Caucasus, Russia. "(No. 762, Apr. 5, 1910.) A native Caucasian grape called '*Achshira*' (Tartar), passing, however, with the German settlers in the Caucasus under the name of '*Ronde Weisse*.' Bunches medium large; berries medium size, round, white in color. Phenomenally productive. Gives a light white wine of good quality. Very much planted in this vicinity, seeming to prefer a rather heavy soil." (Meyer.)

27965. PUNICA GRANATUM L.

Pomegranate.

From Geok-Tepe, Caucasus, Russia. "(No. 765, Apr. 12, 1910.) A pomegranate of apparently local distribution, called '*Valas*.' Fruits very large, of rosy-red color, very juicy and of sour-sweet taste. Considered a very fine variety. Obtained from Mr. A. Shelkovnikoff." (Meyer.)

27966. PUNICA GRANATUM L.

Pomegranate.

From Geok-Tepe, Caucasus, Russia. "(No. 766, Apr. 12, 1910.) A pomegranate called '*Kyrmisi Kabugh*.' Fruits large, bright red, of sour-sweet taste. Obtained from Mr. A. Shelkovnikoff. Perhaps the same as No. 707 (S. P. I. No. 27773)." (Meyer.)

27967. PUNICA GRANATUM L.

Pomegranate.

From Geok-Tepe, Caucasus, Russia. "(No. 767, Apr. 12, 1910.) A pomegranate called '*Shirin nar*.' For description see No. 706 (S. P. I. No. 27772), which is the same. Obtained from Mr. A. Shelkovnikoff." (Meyer.)

27968. MALUS PUMILA Miller.

Paradise apple.

From Geok-Tepe, Caucasus, Russia. "(No. 768, Apr. 11, 1910.) A bushy apple, apparently rarely growing over 5 feet in height. A native of the Caucasus, from whence it was probably introduced into western Europe, where it is now so extensively used as a dwarfing stock for apples. This shrubby apple produces red fruits of fair quality, is very drought resistant, and stands high summer temperatures. May be used in hybridization work and in creating a strain of bush apples." (Meyer.)

Distribution.—Cultivated and naturalized in central and eastern Europe and in western Asia.

27969. SICANA ODORIFERA (Vell.) Naud.

Cassabanana.

From Guatemala. Presented by Capt. A. F. Lucas.

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