

28360 to 28363.

From Port Louis, Mauritius. Presented by Mr. G. Regnard. Received July 7, 1910.

Seeds of the following; notes by Mr. Regnard:

28360. ERYTHROXYLON LAURIFOLIUM Lam. "Mauritius torchwood."

Distribution.—A branching shrub common in the woods in the islands of Mauritius and Reunion and the Seychelles.

28361 and 28362. (Undetermined.) (Liliaceæ.)

28361. "Blue fruited."

28362. "White fruited."

28363. (Undetermined.)

"Forest tree bearing scarlet berries."

28364. GOSSYPIUM sp.**Cotton.**

From Honduras. Presented by Mr. F. S. Chaffee, Trujillo, Honduras. Received July 8, 1910.

"This is supposed to be wild cotton from the Aguan River, 25 miles east of here (Trujillo). I found it three years ago while hunting in that vicinity. At that time it was a tree some 8 or 9 inches in diameter and 25 or 30 feet high and full of bloom. It stood out in the middle of a savannah in a sand and gravel soil with no other trees around it and fully a mile from any house. No one in that vicinity has any knowledge of its origin or how long it has been there; but last fall it was burned down by a savannah fire. These bolls were taken from the sprouts that have come up from the roots. There are also two or three other trees about a mile apart located in the heavy forest." (Chaffee.)

28365. TRITICUM AESTIVUM L.**Wheat.**

From near the shore of Lake Van, a few miles from Bitlis, Turkey in Asia.

Presented by Mr. Hamilton King, American minister to Siam, who procured it from Miss A. C. Ely. Received July 12, 1910.

"This is sown in drills and does not need to be irrigated. The soil is sandy, mixed with volcanic ashes, and probably some moisture percolates from the near-by lake. This is a rather inferior sample." (Ely.)

28367 and 28368.

From Marash, Turkey. Purchased from Mr. Paul N. Nersessian. Received July 16, 1910.

Seeds of the following; notes by Mr. Nersessian:

28367. LATHYRUS SATIVUS L.

"*Agh jilban* (white jilban). For cultivation, soil, and time and manner of sowing, see No. 28368."

28368. VICIA ERVILIA (L.) Willd.

Bitter vetch.

"*Koushne*. They do not cultivate these plants for green manuring but only for seeds which they use for cattle feed. The seed is sown here from about the middle of September until near the end of November. It sprouts or stools some in the fall and remains that way during the winter. In the spring it sprouts more, covers the ground perfectly, grows about a foot high, and is ripe enough to harvest in these days (about June 1?). Usually it is sown on poor or exhausted fields from which a good crop of grain can not be expected. Of course it does