

29991. AMYGDALUS sp. Chinese flat peach.

From Tsinan, Shantung, China. Presented by Dr. J. B. Neal. Received March 6, 1911.

Feicheng. "This peach is grown not far from here. It is a cling and, though rather inconvenient for eating, is very large and luscious, coming into market about the middle of September and lasting for a month or more. It is the last peach we get during the season, the peach supply beginning the middle or last of June and continuing through the summer and early autumn, about four months in all." (*Neal.*)

See No. 21989 for previous introduction.

29992 and 29993.

From Jerusalem, Palestine. Presented by Mr. E. F. Beaumont, American Colony. Received February 28, 1911.

Seeds of the following:

29992. ASPARAGUS ACUTIFOLIUS L. Wild asparagus.

Introduced for the work of the Office of Truck-Crop Diseases in breeding a resistant asparagus, and also various forms for florists' use.

29993. MEDICAGO SATIVA L. Alfalfa.

Damascus.

29994 to 29998.

From Haifa, Palestine. Presented by Mr. A. Aaronsohn, director, Jewish Agricultural Experiment Station. Received March 6, 1911.

29994. PYRUS SYRIACA Boiss. Wild pear.

Cuttings.

"Recommended as a stock for pears in arid soils. These cuttings came directly from the forest and grew spontaneously." (*Aaronsohn.*)

Distribution.—The island of Cyprus, Syria, southern Kurdistan, and western Persia.

29995. PYRUS sp.

Cuttings.

29996. PROSOPIS STEPHANIANA (Bieb.) Kunth.

"A low and very deep-rooting shrub. Pods readily eaten by sheep and goats. Crossing with *Prosopis juliflora* might give very interesting results." (*Aaronsohn.*)

Seeds.

Distribution.—The countries at the eastern end of the Mediterranean, extending from the Caucasus region through Asia Minor, Syria, western Persia, and Assyria to Egypt.

29997. NICOTIANA TABACUM L. Tobacco.

"A stout variety, broad leaves, and white, or pink flowers. Cultivated especially in central and northern Palestine. The leaves are rather coarse and of poor quality, but the culture of this variety may be of interest for hybridization or systematic purposes." (*Aaronsohn.*)

Seeds.

29998. CITRULLUS VULGARIS Schrad. Watermelon.

"*Bizr mactooob.* In Arabic this means 'written seeds.' The illiterate Arabs believe that sentences of the holy Koran are inscribed on the parenchyma of the seeds. This is a variety of curious rather than economic value." (*Aaronsohn.*)

Seeds.