

31835 to 31864—Continued.**31860. STRELITZIA ALBA (L. f.) Skeels.**

(*Heliconia alba* L. f. 1781, Supplementum Plantarum, p. 157.)

(*Strelitzia augusta* Travenfeldt 1792, in Thunb., Nova Genera Plantarum, p. 113.)

This beautiful white-flowered plant belonging to the family Musaceæ was first named in 1781 by Linnæus's son as a species of *Heliconia*, with the specific name *alba*. Travenfeldt, in 1792, transferred the species to the genus *Strelitzia*, where it is generally considered to belong, but gave it a new specific name, *augusta*. The binomial *Strelitzia alba*, although the proper name of this plant, according to recognized nomenclatural practice, appears never to have been used heretofore.

Strelitzia alba is a well-known South African plant, occurring from Durban to the Cape of Good Hope.

31861. STRYCHNOS DECUSSATA (Pappe) Gilg.

Distribution.—A tree, attaining a height of 25 feet, the knotted twigs of which are used as ceremonial wands by the Zulu-Kafirs, is found on the eastern coast of South Africa from Durban to Uitenhage.

31862. TECOMA BERTEROI DC.

See No. 28728 for previous introduction.

31863. TURRAEA HETEROPHYLLA Smith.

Distribution.—A gray-barked shrub found in the woods in the vicinity of Durban in South Africa.

31864. TURRAEA OBTUSIFOLIA Hochst.

Distribution.—A shrub with reddish bark, growing in the woods in the vicinity of Durban in South Africa.

31865. BOUEA GANDARIA Blume.

From Singapore, Straits Settlements. Presented by the Botanical Garden at Singapore through Mr. Lyster H. Dewey, of the Bureau of Plant Industry, who brought them with him to this country on his return from abroad. Received September 20, 1911.

See No. 29383 for previous introduction.

31866. CORNUS BRETSCHNEIDERI Henry.

From Rochester, N. Y. Presented by Mr. John Dunbar, Assistant Superintendent of Parks. Received September 15, 1911.

This is a very ornamental shrub from the mountains of western China, especially striking in the winter against a background of evergreens, because of its bright lemon-yellow twigs. It has proven thoroughly hardy as far north as Rochester, N. Y.

See No. 30288 for previous introduction.

31868. HORDEUM sp.**Hull barley.**

From Khanaka, Oasis of Sandju, Chinese Turkestan. Received through Mr. Frank N. Meyer, agricultural explorer, September 11, 1911.

This seed was picked out of No. 31793, a summer barley. See this number for remarks.