

## 32093 to 32110—Continued.

**32096.** CICER ARIETINUM L. **Chick-pea.**

“(No. 69.) Bought in the market at Trichinopoli, August 29, 1911.”

**32097.** CUCURBITA PEPO L. **Squash.**

“(No. 95.) Bought on the market at Trichinopoli, August 31, 1911. Large, dull, pale orange; subglobose; deeply ribbed with about ten ribs.”

**32098.** ELAEOCARPUS SERRATUS L.

“(No. 81.) An olivelike fruit bought in the market at Colombo, August 28, 1911.”

*Distribution.*—A tree found from the tropical slopes of the Himalayas, where it grows as far up as 3,000 feet in the province of Sikkim, southeastward through India and the Malay Islands to Java.

**32099.** (Undetermined.)

“(No. 82, August 29, 1911.) A shrub, bearing large pink flowers. This grows 3 to 10 feet high and is very ornamental. It is abundant at Newara Eliya, Ceylon, altitude of 6,000 feet.”

**32100.** (Undetermined.)

“(No. 83, August 27, 1911.) An irislike plant with loose panicles of blue flowers. Decidedly ornamental. Native at Newara Eliya, Ceylon.”

**32101.** RUBUS sp.

“(No. 84, August 27, 1911.) A shrub much like the common blackcap. Fruits in large clusters, red but tomentose. Flavor good. Flowers pink. Abundant at Newara Eliya, Ceylon. Altitude 6,000 feet.”

**32102.** BERBERIS sp. **Barberry.**

“(No. 86, August 27, 1911.) A common species at Newara Eliya, Ceylon, altitude 6,000 feet. It closely resembles *Berberis vulgaris*, but the fruits are black.”

**32103.** RHODOMYRTUS TOMENTOSA (Ait.) Wight.

“(No. 87, August 27, 1911.) A melastomaceous shrub with pink flowers and caescent leaves. Grows 3 to 6 feet high. Quite ornamental. Common at Newara Eliya, Ceylon, 6,000 feet altitude.”

**32104.** BENINCASA HISPIDA (Thunb.) Cogniaux.

**Wax gourd.**

The wax gourd has heretofore been listed in the inventories as *Benincasa cerifera*, a name published in 1818 by Savi (Bibliotheca Italiana, vol. 9, p. 158), who cited *Cucurbita cerifera* Fischer (Catalogue du Jardin des Plantes à Gorenki, 1812, p. 32), a name not accompanied by a description. The attention of the Office of Foreign Seed and Plant Introduction has recently been called to the publication in 1881 of the name *Benincasa hispida* Cogniaux (De Candolle, Monographiae Phanerogamarum, vol. 3, p. 513) based on *Cucurbita hispida* Thunberg (Flora Japonica, 1784, p. 322) which appears to be the correct name for this species.

“(No. 94.) Purchased in the Trichinopoli market, August 31, 1911. Large, cylindrical, 12 to 18 inches long by 6 to 8 inches in diameter. Very white and waxy fruit.”

This vegetable, commonly used by the Chinese for vegetable soups and also candied as a sweetmeat wherever it grows, is recommended to amateurs who are experimenting with new vegetables. It has been grown successfully near Washington, D. C.