

35456 to 35458—Continued.

35458. *CHAENOMELES CATHAYENSIS* (Hemsl.) Schneider. **Quince.**
(*Pyrus cathayensis* Hemsl.)

“(Tsinan, Shantung, China, April 4, 1913.) The Chinese quince, which is used by the rich Chinese as a room perfumer, but foreign missionaries have learned to use it for making preserves and jellies. The Chinese call it *mu kua*, meaning ‘wooden gourd.’ This species is said to have come from Chowcho, Shantung Province.”

35459. LOVOA SWYNNERTONII E. G. Baker.

From Mount Silinda, Melssetter, Rhodesia. Presented by Mr. O. J. Omer, American Board Mission in South Africa, through the United States Forest Service. Received May 27, 1913.

“Brown mahogany. This tree produces a splendid dark-brown wood of great strength and durability and is found only in our forest here at Mount Silinda (the only forest of large trees in Rhodesia). The tree grows to a height of 150 to 200 feet, diameter 5 to 8 feet, a 150-foot tree requiring about 150 years for growth. It is, I understand, a true mahogany, and it is because of its rareness that I thought you might take an interest in experimenting with it in America. The temperature here varies from about 30° F. in the cold season to about 80° F. in the shade during the summer months; rainfall, 70 inches, more than half of this falling during the three summer months; elevation, 5,000 feet; distance to sea, 150 miles; prevailing winds from the sea.” (Omer.)

“It is a fact worth mentioning that other trees from Rhodesia have done particularly well in Florida.” (David Fairchild.)

35460. PIPER NIGRUM L.**Black pepper.**

From Malay Peninsula. Presented by Mr. I. Henry Burkhill, director of the Botanic Gardens, Singapore, Straits Settlements. Received April 14 to 16, 1913.

“A woody climber, native to the Old World Tropics, widely grown for its aromatic berries, from which the black pepper of commerce is made. May succeed in extreme southern Florida.” (R. H. True.)

35461 and 35462. ASPARAGUS spp.**Asparagus.**

From Jerusalem, Palestine. Presented by Mr. Ernest F. Beaumont. Received May 27, 1913.

35461. *ASPARAGUS PALAESTINUS* Baker.

Distribution.—A wild asparagus found along the banks of the Jordan, in Palestine.

35462. *ASPARAGUS ACUTIFOLIUS* L.

Plants.

35463. JUGLANS REGIA L.**Walnut.**

From Tabriz, Persia. Presented by Mr. Gordon Paddock, American consul. Received May 31, 1913.

“From a tree known to bear the finest variety of the soft-shelled walnut to be had in this district.” (Paddock.)

Cuttings.