

**35491 to 35569—Continued.**

**35569.** "(242.) Apparently *Rosada*. From Chillan."  
Tubers.

**35570. PANICUM MILIACEUM L.****Proso.**

From Russia. Presented by Mr. Alexander Kol, Russian Government Assistant Agricultural Commissioner, St. Louis, Mo. Received June 9, 1913.

"Proso millet. Province of Simbirsk. From K. Svetlikoff."

**35571 and 35572. ERIOBOTRYA JAPONICA (Thunb.) Lindl. Loquat.**

From Naples, Italy. Presented by Dr. Gustav Eisen, California Academy of Sciences, San Francisco, Cal. Received July 2, 1913.

**35571.** "Seeds from one of the best loquat trees, of the variety *Apple*, in Boscotrecase." (*Eisen.*)

**35572.** "Loquat, variety *Pear*." (*Eisen.*)

**35573 and 35574. PHOENIX DACTYLIFERA L.****Date.**

From Heyel, central Arabia. Presented by Mr. Emil Saur, American consul, Bagdad, Turkey, who procured them from the Sheik of Heyel. Received June 9, 1913.

**35573.** "*Shakra*." Seeds.

**35574.** "*Sukkari*." Seeds.

From the interior of the Arabian peninsula, both varieties occurring only at Heyel, from which place the difficulties of transportation make the introduction of offshoots practically impossible.

**35575. MELILOTUS ALBA Desr.****White sweet clover.**

From Lawrence, Kans. Purchased from the Barteldes Seed Co. Received July 24, 1913.

**35576. VANGUERIA INFAUSTA Burch.**

From Berea, Durban, Natal. Presented by Dr. J. Medley Wood, director, Natal Herbarium. Received July 7, 1913.

"A small tree, 6 to 7 feet high, with few and rather thick branches. All younger parts densely tomentose, the upper surface of the leaves becoming scabrid with age. Leaves 2 to 6 inches long, 2 to 4 inches wide, ovate, ovate elliptical, or suborbicular, bluntly pointed, and having one-half inch petioles. Cymes axillary, forked, many flowered, 3 inches across. Flowers green; calyx lobes short, triangular, tomentose, caducous, and absent from the fruit. Corolla tube much longer, tomentose externally, with spreading 5-fid limb. Stamens in the throat of the corolla, erect, oblong, on a subulate filament. Ovary five celled, five ovuled; fruit about 1 inch diameter, globose, glabrous when nearly ripe, usually some ovules abortive. Eastern and Transkeian Conservancies, Natal, Transvaal, and Rhodesia; of no forestal importance, and usually in open country. In 'Flora of Tropical Africa,' it is stated, 'Burchell states that this plant was regarded by the Bachapins as bewitched and unlucky, and therefore unfit for firewood, and that the fruit is not edible. It is, however, edible in other parts of South Africa, and is the wild medlar of the colonists; in Kafirland it is an excellent fruit tree, and the fruit surpasses our medlar.' That is not high praise, but even that is more than I have found it to deserve, but I have seldom found the shrub, and may have missed its best condition. In view of its being the host plant of a fungus *Hemileia woodii* K. and C., closely allied to the coffee disease, and its probability of being subject to the latter also, coffee planters should keep a watch on this shrub." (*Sim, Forest Flora of Cape Colony.*)