

37517 to 37521. ORYZA SATIVA L.**Rice.**

From Vercelli, Italy. Presented by the director, Rice Experiment Station. Received March 4, 1914.

37517. "Common native variety. Source, Santhia (Novara). Very fertile soils, highest production, matures first decade in October."

37518. "Var. *sekiyama*. Source, Vercelli. In most fertile soils, highest production, matures at the end of September."

37519. "Variety native early No. 2. Source, Santhia (Novara). Fertile soils, medium production, matures at the end of September."

37520. "Native early No. 3. Source, Santhia (Novara). Soils of medium fertility, production medium, matures second decade in September."

37521. "Variety *Sancino*. Source, Vercelli. Fertile soils, good production, matures second decade in September."

37522 to 37548.

From Sianfu, Shensi, China. Collected by Mr. Frank N. Meyer, Agricultural Explorer for the Department of Agriculture. Received March 14, 1914. Cuttings of the following; quoted notes by Mr. Meyer.

37522 to 37524. MERATIA PRAECOX (L.) Rehd. and Wilson.

(*Chimonanthus fragrans* Lindl.)

Winter-sweet.

37522. "(No. 1076. January 13, 1914.) A variety of the Chinese allspice, having large flowers, the outer petals of which are broad and dark waxy yellow, while the inner ones are brownish red striped, very fragrant. Chinese name *Hu t'i la mei*, meaning 'fox-paw allspice.' Of value as a flowering shrub for the mild-wintered sections of the United States." See also S. P. I. Nos. 37487 and 37488.

37523. "(No. 1077. January 13, 1914.) A variety of the Chinese allspice, being a variety of the preceding number [S. P. I. 37522], flowers smaller, petals less broad and more pointed, inner petals darker colored, possesses a very agreeable, hyacinthlike fragrance. Chinese name *Chien pan hu t'i la mei*, meaning 'narrow-petaled fox-paw allspice.' Of value as a flowering shrub for the mild-wintered sections of the United States."

37524. "(No. 1078. January 13, 1914.) A variety of Chinese allspice, having small flowers of rather dark yellow color, strongly scented; apparently the wild type. Chinese name *Kou ying la mei*, meaning 'dog-fly allspice.' Of value as a garden shrub in mild-wintered climates."

37525 to 37539. DIOSPYROS KAKI L. f.

Persimmon.

37525. "(No. 1081. Village of Nantotchu, south of Sianfu. January 20, 1914.) A local variety of persimmon, said to be of medium size, round shape, orange-yellow color, and seedless; can be either dried or kept fresh for a long time. Chinese name *Fên niu hsin shih tzü*, meaning 'rosy oxheart persimmon.'"

37526. "(No. 1082. Village of Nantotchu, south of Sianfu. January 20, 1914.) A local variety of persimmon, said to be much like the preceding [No. 37525], but somewhat smaller and of brighter color. Chinese name *Fên shih tzü*, meaning 'rosy persimmon.'"