

37980. ALEURITES sp. Euphorbiaceæ. Tung tree.

From Chaoyanghsien, Kwangtung, China. Presented by Dr. C. B. Leshner, American Baptist Mission, who secured them through Rev. C. E. Bousfield. Received April 23, 1914.

"Aleurites seeds from about 200 miles in the interior."

37981. PYRUS COMMUNIS L. Malaceæ. Pear.

From Newark Valley, New York. Presented by Mr. A. F. Barrott. Received April 28, 1914.

"Scions from a pear tree bearing seedless and coreless fruits. Several years ago I purchased from Green's Nursery Co., Rochester, N. Y., a Bartlett pear tree. The second year after this tree was put out it was broken off level with or just a little below the ground. It sprouted again and grew rapidly. I had been away from my farm about five years; when I returned last year I found a fine pear tree which had over half a bushel of *Seckel* pears on it. We ate and used them all, and did not find a seed or a core in any of them. I have not been able to find out from my former tenants whether or not this seedless and coreless condition has heretofore existed. It seems to me that if this pear will stand propagation without changing its character it would be quite a find." (Barrott.)

37982. PYRUS sp. Malaceæ. Pear.

From China. Presented by Rev. Hugh W. White, American Presbyterian Mission, Yencheng, Kiangsu, China. Received April 28, 1914.

"*Tangshan*. Unquestionably the finest pear of China. But it is not widely known, because the region of production has heretofore been very secluded, and the fruit does not keep more than one or two months. It is the only Chinese pear that does not have the woody taste and feel, and it has a sweet, juicy flavor. It also grows large, much larger than the ordinary American pear. It grows about 40 miles west of a city called Hsuechowfu, Kiangsu Province. I suppose I am one of the three or four white men that have been in the immediate section where this pear grows. This pear is called the *Tangshan* pear, from Tangshanku, the name of the place that produces it." (White, extract from letter dated March 26, 1912.)

Cuttings.

37983 to 38041. Grasses.

From Brazil. Collected by Messrs. P. H. Dorsett and Wilson Popenoe, of the Bureau of Plant Industry. Received April 13, 1914. Quoted notes by Messrs. Dorsett and Popenoe.

37983 to 37993.

From Sao Joao del Rey, Minas Geraes, Brazil. Collected January 26, 1914.

37983. MELINIS MINUTIFLORA Beauv. Poaceæ. Capim gordura.

"(No. 78a.) Seeds of *capim gordura* from plants in an old abandoned garden which had been completely overrun with this grass."

37984. PANICUM MAXIMUM Jacq. Poaceæ. Guinea grass.

"(No. 79a.) Seed of a grass growing on top of an old adobe wall at the church Senhor do Bom Fim. Seed heads viscous; in stripping off seed they stick together. In an extremely dry situation."