

41429. MERATIA PRAECOX (L.) Rehder and Wilson. Calycanthaceæ.
(*Chimonanthus fragrans* Lindl.)

Seeds from China. Presented by Mr. N. Gist Gee, Soochow University, through Mr. R. Rathbun, United States National Museum. Received October 19, 1915.

"Chinese *La mei hua*, rather rare. Make good flowering plants." (*Gist Gee*.)

"A deciduous shrub, naturally about 8 feet high, and of compact, bushy habit, but growing considerably higher on walls. Leaves lanceolate, 2 to 5 inches long, dark lustrous green. Flowers exceedingly fragrant, produced at various times between November and March according to the weather, but in ordinary seasons at their best in December against a wall; they are solitary on very short stalks at the joints of the previous summer's shoots, three-fourths to 1 inch across, the sepals and outer petals of an almost transparent yellowish green, the inner petals smaller and purplish. Seeds produced in a stalked gourd-shaped structure $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches long, to the apex of which the stamens remain attached." (*W. J. Bean, Trees and Shrubs Hardy in the British Isles, vol. 1, p. 337.*)

41430. ALEURITES FORDII Hemsl. Euphorbiaceæ. Tung tree.

From Pineville, La. Seeds presented by Mr. William Hammond, superintendent, Alexandria National Cemetery. Received October 19, 1915.

"This seed came from the largest tree on the grounds, situated immediately in front of the lodge (west gate), and as there is and has been a flower bed around its base that has been irrigated regularly I attribute its larger size to that, although the water would not penetrate deeply." (*Hammond*.)

41431. BACCAUREA SAPIDA (Roxb.) Muell. Arg. Euphorbiaceæ.

Seeds from Rangoon, Burma, India. Presented by Rev. William H. S. Hascall.

"*Kan-a-so-thi* or *Pierardia*." An evergreen tree, native of the Malay Archipelago, 40 to 50 feet high, with alternate, rather membranous leaves 4 to 8 inches long; inconspicuous diœcious flowers in racemes, and yellow, slightly hairy fruits from three-fourths to 1 inch long. The bark is one of the chief mordants employed in using cotton dyes in India. (Adapted from *Hooker, Flora of British India*, and *Watt, Commercial Products of India*.)

41432 to 41443.

Seeds from Kamerunga, via Cairns, Australia. Presented by Mr. J. A. Hamilton. Received October 18, 1915. Quoted notes by Mr. Hamilton, except as otherwise indicated.

41432. ALBIZZIA ODORATISSIMA (L. f.) Benth. Mimosaceæ.

See S. P. I. Nos. 38996 and 39103 for previous introductions and description.

41433. ANNONA MURICATA L. Annonaceæ. Soursop.

See S. P. I. Nos. 32302 and 35285 for previous introductions and descriptions.

41434. CANAVALI OBTUSIFOLIUM (Lam.) DC. Fabaceæ.

"Native bean. It is not edible so far as I know. The flowers are sweetly scented and come out singly. It might cross with the *Mauritius* bean and make a good cover crop, for it seems to stand drought and heat well."