

41491 and 41492—Continued.

and is prepared by sweetening and boiling. It sells in the market for about 20 cash per catty."

41492. BENINCASA HISPIDA (Thunb.) Cogn. Cucurbitaceæ. **Wax gourd.**

"*Tung kua*. A plant 20 to 30 feet long. Grows best at a temperature of 70° to 110° F.; takes about six months to mature; bears yellow flowers and fruits in the autumn. The fruit is 3 feet long and 2 feet in circumference; is used only as a vegetable, boiled and sweetened, and sells in the market at 25 cash per catty."

41493. ANNONA CHERIMOLA Miller. Annonaceæ. **Cherimoya.**

Seeds from Brisbane, Australia. Presented by Mr. Leslie Gordon Corrie. Received November 22, 1915.

41494. RHAPHITHAMNUS CYANOCARPUS (Bert.) Miers. Verbenaceæ.
Espina blanca.

Seeds from Bariloche, Argentina. Presented by Dr. Joseph Vereertbrugghen. Received November 22, 1915.

"This plant, *espina blanca* (white thorn), which I found in the Canyon Bariloche, is an evergreen belonging, I believe, to the Chilean vegetation. Animals eat it the year round and like it very much, horses as well as cattle." (Vereertbrugghen.)

41495. RANDIA sp. Rubiaceæ.

Seeds from Orotina, Costa Rica. Presented by Mr. Carlos Wercklé. Received November 24, 1915.

"From the Pacific coast. Is much more beautiful than *Randia aculeata*, but it is suitable for hot climates only." (Wercklé.)

41496. PERSEA AMERICANA Miller. Lauraceæ. **Avocado.**

(*Persea gratissima* Gaertn. f.)

Seeds from San Jose, Costa Rica. Presented by the Department of Agriculture. Received November 24, 1915.

"*Palta*. From tree A, bearing in October; large and medium good." (Wercklé.)

41497. AMYGDALUS PERSICA L. Amygdalaceæ. **Peach.**

(*Prunus persica* Stokes.)

Seeds from Bordeaux, France. Presented by Mr. George A. Bucklin, jr., American consul. Received November 26, 1915.

"For these seeds we are indebted to a resident of this region, M. Denjean, of Bordeaux, France, who has carefully selected seeds of the finest specimens of fruit coming to his attention, all grown in this section of southern France. Unfortunately, the names of the varieties have not been preserved and the seeds identified, but it is hoped that the seeds which come from excellent miscellaneous stock will be of some service." (Bucklin.)

41498. AMYGDALUS PERSICA L. Amygdalaceæ. **Peach.**

(*Prunus persica* Stokes.)

Seeds from Milan, Italy. Presented by Mr. John H. Grout, American consul. Received November 26, 1915.