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for the fruits in the markets of Foochow and elsewhere. The fruit keeps well and when no longer fresh is dried or pickled. The tree grows well and reaches a height of 50 feet, with a broad spreading top. It is apparently very easy to graft, for it is top-worked by the Chinese in a very crude manner and apparently always successfully. The tree is also useful as a street or ornamental tree."

**48555 and 48556.** *CASTANEA CRENATA* Sieb. and Zucc. Fagaceæ.

Japanese chestnut.

**48555.** "(Kobe, Japan. October 28, 1919.) Samples of chestnuts being loaded for shipment to America."

**48556.** "(Foochow, China. September 15, 1919.) Samples from market."

**48557.** *CELOSIA ARGENTEA* L. Amaranthaceæ.

Cockscomb.

"(From Foochow, China. September 14, 1919.) Collected on waste land on Nantai Island near Foochow. This plant is common along the margins of gardens and fields and among the cemeteries on the hills. The silvery white spikes are very attractive."

**48558.** *CITRULLUS VULGARIS* Schrad. Cucurbitaceæ.

Watermelon.

"(Foochow, China. September 15, 1919.) Seeds of the common, small, red-fleshed melon of this region, which has very thin rinds and fine quality flesh but is lacking in sugar. It should be used in disease-resistant breeding to get shipping and marketing qualities for small melons. It has a very attractive appearance and the size suggests the possibility of producing a watermelon small enough to ship in crates for individual consumption."

**48559.** *CORCHORUS CAPSULARIS* L. Tiliaceæ.

Jute.

"(Foochow, China. September 14, 1919.) The common fiber plant of this region. The better farmers grow small patches of these plants for their own use."

**48560 to 48562.** *CUCURBITA PEPO* L. Cucurbitaceæ.

Gourd.

**48560.** "(Foochow, China. September 15, 1919.) An ornamental squashlike cucurbit used for room decoration by the Chinese."

**48561.** "(Foochow, China. September 17, 1919.) An ornamental squashlike cucurbit used for room decoration by the Chinese. The skin of this gourd is orange blotched with green."

**48562.** "(Gourds from Nagasaki, Japan. October 20, 1919.) An ornamental gourd used for room decoration by the Japanese. Bought in the market."

**48563.** *DIOSCOREA ALATA* L. Dioscoreaceæ.

Yam.

"Bulbils from a vine in the garden of a Chinese missionary teacher in Foochow, China. September 10, 1919."

**48564.** *DRYMOGLOSSUM* sp. Polypodiaceæ.

Fern.

"(From Nagasaki, Japan. A plant growing on volcanic cliffs near Mogi. October 14, 1919.) A very small creeping fleshy fronded fern for rockwork. This fern is found in the shaded ravines of Japan and China growing over the face of the rocks. It stands considerable drying out and makes a solid cover, suggesting some fleshy leaved flowering plant. It would be very good for use on rockwork in gardens in Florida and California."