

48689 to 48750—Continued.

- 48696. ARDISIA JAPONICA** (Thunb.) Blume. Myrsinaceæ.
 "(Kobe, Japan. October 26, 1919.) A low, red-berried shrub growing in the woods above Kobe. This plant would probably make a very good Christmas green, as the berries probably remain fresh through the early winter."
- 48697. ASPARAGUS LUCIDUS** Lindl. Convallariaceæ. **Asparagus.**
 "(Kuliang Hills, near Foochow, Fukien, China. August 10, 1919.) A climbing vine of great beauty, growing commonly on the moist wooded slopes of ravines. Its graceful foliage and habit make it very attractive. The fleshy roots are said to be used by the Chinese for conserves."
- 48698. AVERRHOA CARAMBOLA** L. Oxalidaceæ. **Carambola.**
 "(Foochow, Fukien, China. September 17, 1919.) From the market. A characteristic fruit of Foochow at this season. The Chinese name means 'foreign peach,' indicating a recent introduction into this region. It does not seem to be eaten freely by the Chinese, perhaps because of its acid flavor, but it is found in all the better fruit markets."
- 48699. BENZOIN CITRIODORUM** Sieb. and Zucc. Lauraceæ.
 "(Kuliang Hills, near Foochow, Fukien, China. August 1, 1919.) A shrub or small tree with a lemon-verbena odor in the leaves and fruit. It is ornamental in appearance with its graceful habit and leaves. It is heavily loaded with oily berries; possibly this tree will yield a commercial oil more cheaply than lemon grass (*Cymbopogon citratus*)."
- 48700. CANNA** sp. Cannaceæ. **Canna.**
 "(Foochow, Fukien, China. September 15, 1919.) Growing in ditches in cultivated land; not used by the Chinese."
- 48701. CELOSIA CRISTATA** L. Amaranthaceæ. **Cockscomb.**
 "(Foochow, Fukien, China. September 15, 1919.) A very fine variegated yellow and red cockscomb, grown in pots on the front steps of the Y. M. C. A. building. The plants are cut back and made to branch so that one plant has many heads, which vary in color from red to light yellow."
- 48702. CEPHALANTHERA** sp. Orchidaceæ. **Orchid.**
 "(No. 16. Nagasaki, Japan. October 20, 1919.) From the grounds of the American consulate. An ornamental orchid growing in soil in large clumps like an iris. The flowers are said to be very beautiful."
- 48703. COIX LACRYMA-JOBI** L. Poaceæ. **Job's-tears.**
 "(Foochow, Fukien, China. September 15, 1919.) Seed from a plant growing as an escape along a ditch in the garden section of Nantai Island."
- 48704. DIANTHUS CHINENSIS** L. Silenaceæ.
 "(Mogi, near Nagasaki, Japan. October 14, 1919.) A cultivated single garden pink; no double varieties in this vicinity. Introduced for genetic work on inheritance of doubling."
- 48705. DIOSCOREA** sp. Dioscoreaceæ. **Yam.**
 "(No. 13. Nagasaki, Japan. October 14, 1919.) For experimental use."