

49021. CAPSICUM ANNUM L. Solanaceæ. Red pepper.

From Barcelona, Spain. Purchased from Hijos de Nonell through Mr. C. B. Hurst, American consul general. Received December 27, 1919.

"Spanish sweet pepper, known as *pimiento dulce morrón muy grande*. The seed is to be sown from February to June. The first sowing should be in a hothouse or in a sheltered place." (*Nonell*.)

49022. BARLERIA STRIGOSA Willd. Acanthaceæ.

From Cairo, Egypt. Presented by the director, Horticultural Section, Gizeh Branch, Ministry of Agriculture. Received December 29, 1919.

A small, unarmed shrub, 2 to 4 feet in height, much cultivated in India and the Malay Peninsula, and native to northeastern India. The large, ovate leaves and dense, almost globose spikes of blue flowers make this a very showy garden plant. (Adapted from *Hooker, Flora of British India, vol. 4, p. 489.*)

Received as *Barleria caerulea*, a later name for this species. For previous introduction, see S. P. I. No. 47834.

49023. PROSOPIS CHILENSIS (Molina) Stuntz. Mimosaceæ.

(*P. juliflora* DC.)

Algaroba.

From Puerto Cabello, Venezuela. Presented by Mr. George R. Phelan, American vice consul. Received December 30, 1919.

"The trees producing these pods, known by the name of *Cuji*, grow extensively in this region." (*Phelan*.)

For previous introduction, see S. P. I. No. 46972.

49024. BRASSICA OLERACEA VIRIDIS L. Brassicaceæ.

Jersey tree-kale.

From St. John, Jersey, Channel Islands. Presented by Mr. D. R. Bisson. Received December 30, 1919.

"This plant is found very useful here as food for chickens, rabbits, and pigs, as the leaves can be stripped off continually and the plant keeps growing. In Jersey the stalks of this plant have been known to attain a height of 18 feet and when dried are turned into light and strong walking sticks. The young sprouts in early spring form a very acceptable vegetable for the table." (*Bisson*.)

For previous introduction, see S. P. I. No. 46475.

49025 and 49026.

From St. Jean-le-Blanc, Loiret, France. Presented by Edmond Versin. Received December 30, 1919.

49025. ALBIZZIA LOPHANTHA (Willd.) Benth. Mimosaceæ.

Variety *Neumanniana*. A tall shrub or small tree with velvety pubescent branches and stems, and compound leaves composed of 8 to 10 pairs of pinnæ and 20 to 30 pairs of pinnules. The flowers are in loose, cylindrical, axillary spikes up to 3 inches in length, and the pods are very flat and often more than 3 inches long. Cattle are fond of browsing on the leaves of this tree, which is of rapid growth. The bark contains about 8 per cent of tannin, and the dry root contains about 10 per cent of saponin. (Adapted from *Bentham, Flora Australiensis, vol. 2, p. 421*, and from *Maiden, Useful Native Plants of Australia, p. 116.*)

For previous introduction, see S. P. I. No. 44957.