

51191 to 51193—Continued.

51192. *IPOMOEA NYMPHAEAEFOLIA* Blume. Convolvulaceæ.(*I. peltata* Choisy.)

Morning-glory.

"A white-flowered perennial species which should be of interest to your correspondents in Porto Rico, Cuba, and extreme southern Florida. The plant is of medium growth and blossoms during the winter months, the tourist season." (*Wester.*)

For previous introduction, see S. P. I. No. 47920.

51193. *TALINUM PATENS* (L.) Willd. Portulacaceæ.

"An upright-growing perennial herb from Java, with tender, succulent leaves absolutely free from fiber. The leaves are boiled and eaten with meat, fish, or eggs, like spinach or turnip greens, and make an excellent dish for the table.

"The seeds should be sown very shallow, where they are well protected from heavy rains, as the young plants are very delicate. As soon as the plants are 15 centimeters high they can be cut off a few centimeters above the ground, where they rapidly take root. Once the *Talinum* plants are through the seedling stage they grow very rapidly and are easily multiplied from cuttings 10 to 12 centimeters long, both from the tender tops and the mature stems. In the vegetable garden plants should be set out above 25 centimeters apart, in rows 30 to 35 centimeters apart." (*Wester.*)

51194. *BISCHOFIA TRIFOLIATA* (Roxb.) Hook. Euphorbiaceæ.(*B. javanica* Blume.)

From Buitenzorg, Java. Seeds presented by Dr. J. C. Koningsberger, director, Botanic Gardens. Received August 5, 1920.

A deciduous tree native to the tropical slopes of the Himalayas. The red, rough, moderately hard wood is esteemed one of the best timbers in Assam, where it is used for bridges and other works of construction. It is sometimes called "red cedar." (*Adapted from Watt, Dictionary of the Economic Products of India, vol. 1, p. 454.*)

For previous introduction, see S. P. I. No. 47835.

51195 to 51197.

From Chama, Alta Vera Paz, Guatemala. Seeds presented by Harry Johnson. Received August 23, 1920. Quoted notes by Mr. Johnson.

51195. *ACHIMENES* sp. Gesneriaceæ.

"(No. 435.) A fine gesneriad with sky-blue flowers, borne in terminal racemes of 3 to 22 or more, about 1 inch in diameter and with a white and yellow throat. The plant produces small round scaly tubers and should make a good basket plant."

51196. *COIX LACRYMA-JOBI* L. Poaceæ.

Job's-tears.

"(No. 171.) *K-ohl*. The Indians prize the seeds for necklaces. *K-ohl* means necklace, in Kekchi."

For previous introduction, see S. P. I. No. 49516.

51197. *ISACHNE ARUNDINACEA* (Swartz) Griseb. Poaceæ.

Grass.

"(No. 434.) Grass."

A grass climbing among shrubs or small trees to a height of as much as 6 meters, with strong canes and elongate branches; the scabrous blades are commonly 20 centimeters long and 1.5 to 2 centimeters wide;