

51623. PROTEA ARGENTEA L. Proteaceæ.*(Leucadendron argenteum R. Br.)*

From South Africa. Seeds received through the Federal Horticultural Board. Received November 11, 1920.

The *witteboom*, or *silver-leaf pine*, is a beautiful tree found native only in the immediate vicinity of Cape Town, Cape Province, where it grows up to 50 feet in height. The numerous white silky leaves, which are lanceolate and up to 7 inches long, are now an article of commerce, being used for curios, mats, book-marks, etc.; when dry they take ink or paint and are then sold with texts or small scenes depicted on them. (Adapted from *Sim, Forests and Forest Flora of Cape Colony*, p. 294.)

For previous introduction, see S. P. I. No. 41420.

51624. PHLEUM PRATENSE L. Poaceæ.**Timothy.**

From Ayr, Ayrshire, Scotland. Seeds purchased from McGill & Smith (Ltd.). Received November 15, 1920.

"Scotch timothy seed." (*McGill & Smith.*)

Locally grown seed introduced for timothy-breeding investigations.

51625 and 51626.

From Caracas, Venezuela. Seeds presented by Henry Pittier. Received November 16, 1920.

51625. EUGENIA sp. Myrtaceæ.

Sent without notes from Caracas.

51626. MYRCIARIA sp. Myrtaceæ.

"*Guayabo pesjua*. This is a small tree with a spreading, depressed crown. The flowers are small, white, with a four-celled ovary; the fruits are globose, slightly depressed, 2.5 to 4 centimeters long, with dark-purple smooth skin, a white, sweet-acidulate mesocarp, and one to four seeds. It is a great favorite with the natives and often cultivated. In fact, I have seen it only under cultivation, although I am assured it also grows wild around Valencia." (*Pittier.*)

51627 to 51658.

From East Africa. Seeds collected by Dr. H. L. Shantz, Agricultural Explorer of the United States Department of Agriculture. Received September 9, 1920. Quoted notes by Dr. Shantz.

51627. ACACIA sp. Mimosaceæ.

"(No. 1108. Lasamis, Nyanza Province, Kenya. June 13, 1920.) An acacia."

51628. AMOMUM sp. Zinziberaceæ.

"(No. 1003. Near Meru, Kenya Province, Kenya. June 12, 1920.) A plant with beautiful foliage which branches like that of *Alpinia*. The deep reddish purple fruit is partly hidden by the chocolate-colored bracts and is borne in clusters. The fruit, which is quite peppery, is eaten by the natives."

51629. AMOMUM sp. Zinziberaceæ.

"(No. 1004. Near Meru, Kenya Province, Kenya. June 12, 1920.) Similar to the preceding, but the fruits are more clustered, the bracts are not visible, and the fruit is not eaten, so far as I know; the fruits are very ornamental."

51630. ANDROPOGON INSCULPTUS Hochst. Poaceæ.**Grass.**

"(No. 1075. Embu, Kenya Province, Kenya. June 17, 1922.) A grass with a forked head, abundant in this section, especially lower down, toward Fort Hall."

For previous introduction, see S. P. I. No. 32447.

51631. AVENA STERILIS L. Poaceæ.**Oats.**

"(No. 1125. Nairubi, Ukamba Province, Kenya. June 24, 1920.) Black oats from the farm at Kabete."

For previous introduction, see S. P. I. No. 49568.