

52870 to 52889—Continued.

52881. *KOELERIA ALPICOLA* Gren. and Godr. Poaceæ. Grass.

A tufted low perennial grass from the high mountain slopes.

Received as *Koeleria australis*, but the sample does not agree with that species.

52882. *MELICA NUTANS* L. Poaceæ. Melic grass.

A loosely tufted European grass useful for grazing.

52883. *NONNEA ROSEA* (Bieb.) Link. Boraginaceæ. Rose alkanet.

An attractive hardy annual with rose-colored, funnel-shaped flowers, closely allied to *Anchusa*.

For previous introduction, see S. P. I. No. 51041.

52884. *SECALE* sp. Poaceæ. Rye.

Received as *Secale montana*, but the sample does not agree with that species.

52885. *SYMPHYTUM OFFICINALE* L. Boraginaceæ. Comfrey.

Hardy perennial sometimes grown as a border plant for its foliage.

52886. *THALICTRUM GLAUCUM* Desf. Ranunculaceæ. Meadow rue.

An attractive hardy perennial 2 to 5 feet tall, with handsome gray-green, much-divided foliage and dainty yellow flowers.

52887. *THALICTRUM MINUS NUTANS* Regel. Ranunculaceæ. Meadow rue.

A form of this dainty border plant, a foot or more in height.

52888. *TORRESIA ODORATA* (L.) Hitchc. Poaceæ. Holy grass.

A low sweet-scented perennial grass used for basket making.

52889. *TRisetum SPICATUM* (L.) Richter. Poaceæ. Downy oat-grass.

An erect tufted grass of value for grazing on high mountain slopes.

For previous introduction, see S. P. I. No. 28543.

52890 to 52892. *CORCHORUS OLITORIUS* L. Tiliaceæ. Jute.

From Dacca, Bengal, India. Seeds presented by Robert S. Finlow, fiber expert to the Government of Bengal, through Lieut. Col. A. T. Gage, director, Botanical Survey of India, Calcutta. Received April 8, 1921.

Nalta jute. A tall, herbaceous, sometimes woody annual, 1 to 5 meters high, sparingly branched, and bearing smooth, ovate-lanceolate leaves and small yellow flowers. The many-seeded beaked capsule is perfectly cylindrical. (Adapted from *Bureau of Agriculture, Philippine Islands, Farmers' Bulletin No. 11, p. 8.*)

The following varieties are named selections which are introduced for testing by the Office of Fiber Investigations:

52890. Green. 52892. R30.

52891. R26.

For previous introduction, see S. P. I. No. 25052.

52893 and 52894.

From Aulnay sous Bois, France. Presented by Prof. R. de Noter, École d'Acclimatation et de Recherches Agricoles. Received April 4, 1921. Quoted notes by Professor de Noter.

52893. *ATRIplex HORTENSIS* L. Chenopodiaceæ. Orache.

"Seeds of a variety with an exceedingly delicate flavor; it is easy to clean with very little waste. It brings three times the price of ordinary spinach [in France]; the plant is 2½ meters (6½ feet) high and