

55408 and 55409. RUBUS MACROCARPUS Benth. Rosaceæ. Colombian berry.

From Bogota, Colombia. Presented by W. O. Wolcott. Received May 10, 1922.

"Seeds of very large wild blackberries." (Wolcott.)

55410. GOSSYPIUM ANOMALUM Wawra. Malvaceæ. Cotton.

From Asmara, Eritrea, Africa. Seeds presented by the director, Eritrea Colonization Service. Received April 19, 1922.

"This cotton has a very short staple, but it is soft and shining like silk. It is used by native textile workers." (A. M. Tancredi, *Notizie e Studi sulla Colonia Eritrea*, p. 110.)

According to one authority this is the only truly wild cotton in Africa; it has been found in Angola and also in the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan. It forms a shrub 5 to 10 feet in height, with rough branches, reddish flowers, and oval capsules about an inch in length, much smaller than cultivated cotton. (Adapted from *Oliver, Flora of Tropical Africa*, vol. 1, p. 211.)

55411. AMERIMNON SISSOO (Roxb.) Kuntze. Fabaceæ. Sissu.
(*Dalbergia sissoo* Roxb.)

From Dehra Dun, United Provinces, India. Seeds presented by R. S. Hole, forest botanist. Received May 16, 1922.

A large deciduous tree native to tropical and subtropical regions of the lower Himalayas. It is highly esteemed for its very durable wood, which seasons well, does not warp or split, and is strong and elastic. The thin layer of sapwood is white, while the heartwood is brown, with darker longitudinal veins, and is very hard. (Adapted from *Gamble, Manual of Indian Timbers*, p. 124.)

55412. DIOSCOREA ALATA L. Dioscoreaceæ. Greater yam.

From India. Tuber presented by E. R. Sasscer, Federal Horticultural Board, United States Department of Agriculture. Obtained by L. M. Scott, inspector, Boston, Mass., from baggage on the steamship *City of Valencia*. Received April 19, 1922.

"*Purple Ceylon*. In India this yam is said to be called 'King of Yams.' The specimen received weighs about 13 ounces, is roughly spherical, and has deep-purple flesh, being similar in these respects to the *Purple Ceylon* previously received from Porto Rico (S. P. I. No. 54900). The flesh retains its color when cooked, is smooth in texture, and of very good flavor." (R. A. Young.)

55413. COIX LACRYMA-JOBI L. Poaceæ. Job's-tears.

From Muang Hai, southern Yunnan, China. Seeds collected by J. F. Rock, Agricultural Explorer of the United States Department of Agriculture. Received May 9, 1922.

"(No. 2485. February 17, 1922.) Collected along brooks near Muang Hai, southern Yunnan, at an altitude of 4,000 feet; may be of interest to cereal specialists." (Rock.)

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

55414 to 55416. CITRUS spp. Rutaceæ.

From Shaowu, Fukien, China. Presented by Rev. J. E. Walker, Shaowu Mission of the American Board. Received May 16, 1922.

"Seeds from varieties equal to the best in Amoy, Fukien." (Walker.)

55414. CITRUS sp.

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