

## INVENTORY<sup>1</sup>

### 55814. *OLEA EUROPAEA* L. Oleaceæ.

**Olive.**

From Nice, France. Cuttings presented by Dr. A. Robertson Proschowsky. Received November 25, 1922.

Variety *Arbéquina*. This is a favorite among the Catalan nurserymen in the Province of Lerida, Spain, where it represents 92 per cent of the olives planted. It appears to be the one most resistant to the rather frequent drops in temperature on the Urgel Plain. The production is very high in the irrigated sections every year and every two years in the other sections. In habit the tree is spreading, with the secondary branches reflexed. In this region the olive trees are pruned every two years and often every year, with a special rejuvenating pruning every 10 or 12 years, in order to keep down the size of the trees and make easier the hand picking of the fruit. (Adapted from *Revue de Botanique Appliquée*, vol. 2, p. 26.)

### 55815. *DENDROCALAMUS SIKKIMENSIS* Gamble. Poaceæ. **Bamboo.**

From Darjiling, India. Seeds presented by G. H. Cave, curator, Lloyd Botanic Garden. Received November 1, 1922.

"Seeds of the largest bamboo of these forests, collected at an altitude of 2,000 feet." (*Cave.*)

A beautiful tufted bamboo native to Sikkim, India, where the dark-green culms reach a height of 60 feet or more and a diameter of 5 to 7 inches. The species is easily distinguished by its large reddish brown globular flower heads and densely velvety stem sheath. The long narrow leaves are said to be poisonous, and from the stems are made the "chungas," or native buckets, used for carrying water and milk and for churning. (Adapted from *Annals of the Royal Botanic Garden, Calcutta*, vol. 7, p. 82.)

For previous introduction, see S. P. I. No. 54450.

### 55816. *VOANDZELA SUBTERRANEA* (L.) Thouars. Fabaceæ.

From Ebolowa, Cameroon, West Africa. Seeds presented by Fred Hope. Received November 2, 1922.

A creeping annual leguminous plant which matures its fruits in the same manner as the peanut, whence its common name "groundnut." It is native to tropical Africa and is extensively grown in that continent, as well as in other tropical countries, for its edible seeds.

For previous introduction, see S. P. I. No. 55104.

### 55817 to 55819.

From Yunnan, China. Seeds collected by J. F. Rock, Agricultural Explorer of the United States Department of Agriculture. Received October 4, 1922. Quoted notes by Mr. Rock.

<sup>1</sup> It should be understood that the varietal names of fruits, vegetables, cereals, and other plants used in this inventory are those under which the material was received when introduced by the Office of Foreign Seed and Plant Introduction and, further, that the printing of such names here does not constitute their official publication and adoption in this country. As the different varieties are studied, their identity fully established, their entrance into the American trade forecast, and the use of varietal names for them in American literature becomes necessary, the foreign varietal designations appearing in this inventory will be subject to change with a view to bringing the forms of the names into harmony with recognized American codes of nomenclature.