

**56615. PHLEUM PRATENSE L. Poaceæ. Timothy.**

From Paris, France. Seeds purchased from Messrs. Vilmorin-Andrieux & Co. Received February 26, 1923.

"This has been grown near Epinal, Vosges, France, for four or five generations." (*Vilmorin-Andrieux & Co.*)

Introduced for timothy-breeding investigations.

**56616. TRIFOLIUM PRATENSE L. Fabaceæ. Red clover.**

From Padua, Italy. Seeds purchased from Nicola Gribaldo, Padua, through Asher Hobson, American representative, International Institute of Agriculture, Rome. Received February 26, 1923.

Locally grown seed from the Province of Padua, Italy, introduced for cultural and comparison tests.

**56617 to 56628. SACCHARUM OFFICINARUM L. Poaceæ. Sugarcane.**

From Soledad, Cienfuegos, Cuba. Seeds presented by R. M. Grey, superintendent, Cuban Gardens. Received February 13, 1923.

"Seeds selected from our best varieties. The plants from which the seeds were taken are highly resistant to mosaic disease." (*Grey.*)

56617. A. H. 175.	56623. A. H. 9172.
56618. A. H. 247.	56624. A. H. 11,152.
56619. A. H. 4124.	56625. A. H. 12,096.
56620. A. H. 6301.	56626. A. H. 12,100.
56621. A. H. 6304.	56627. A. H. 13,021.
56622. A. H. 6307.	56628. A. H. 13,168.

**56629 and 56630.**

From Nice, France. Seeds presented by Dr. A. Robertson Proschowsky. Received February 26, 1923.

**56629. GLADIOLUS SEGETUM Ker. Iridaceæ.**

"One of the most beautiful wild flowers around here. It might be very valuable for hybridizing." (*Proschowsky.*)

A European gladiolus of free habit, fond of warm, dry soil and a sunny situation, with rather small rose-purple flowers. It is an admirable species for mixed borders. (Adapted from *Robinson, English Flower Garden, p. 577.*)

For previous introduction, see S. P. I. No. 51146.

**56630. TRIFOLIUM ALEXANDRINUM L. Fabaceæ. Berseem.**

Introduced for department specialists engaged in clover-breeding investigations.

**56 31 FICUS CARICA L. Moraceæ. Fig.**

From Saonara, Padova, Italy. Cuttings purchased from Fratelli Sgaravatti. Received March 31, 1923.

*Dattato.* The best-known fig of Tuscany, Italy, and the variety which constitutes the largest part of the dried figs exported from Italy. The tree loves rich, moist soils and is not suitable for dry lands; it is a strong grower and heavy bearer. The medium-sized fruits, about 3 inches long, are oval-pyriform, with smooth, thin, yellowish green amber skin. (Adapted from *Gustav Eisen, The Fig, p. 229.*)

This well-known Italian variety is introduced for cultural and comparison tests by department specialists engaged in fig breeding experiments.

**56632. SACCHARUM OFFICINARUM L. Poaceæ. Sugarcane.**

From Coimbatore, India. Seeds presented by T. S. Venkatraman, Government sugarcane expert, the Agricultural College. Received February 6, 1923.

"These seeds are from cane of a rather thin type, but which should prove resistant to mosaic disease." (*Venkatraman.*)

**56633 and 56634.**

From Upper Chindwin, northwestern Burma. Seeds collected by J. F. Rock, Agricultural Explorer of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Received February 28, 1923. Quoted notes by J. F. Rock.

**56633. TARAKTOGENOS KURZII King. Flacourtiaceæ.**

"(January 8, 1923.) Collected near the jungle village of Kyokta, Upper Chindwin. These seeds are from the same forest as those sent in 1921."

For previous introduction, see S. P. I. No. 52803.

**56634. ZIZIPHUS sp. Rhamnaceæ.**

"(January 6, 1923.) A tree 40 feet high, with a stout trunk 1½ feet in diameter, found in a very dry region on the Mytha River near Kaiewa, Upper Chindwin. The very small round leaves are less than an inch wide and the small globose, yellowish red drupes, less than an inch in diameter, have large stones and very scanty flesh."

**56635. TRIFOLIUM PRATENSE L. Fabaceæ. Red clover.**

From Budapest, Hungary. Seeds purchased from the Hungarian Seed Culture Co. Received March 1, 1923.

Introduced for department specialists engaged in clover-breeding investigations.

**56636 and 56637.**

From Yunnan, China. Seeds collected by J. F. Rock, Agricultural Explorer of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Received March 3, 1923. Quoted notes by Mr. Rock.

**56636. ALNUS NEPALENSIS D. Don. Betulaceæ. Alder.**

"(No. 6858. September 27, 1922.) A tree up to 70 feet in height, with a trunk 3 to 4 feet in diameter, which is very common all over Yunnan at altitudes of 4,000 to 7,000 feet. It is a rapid grower, used chiefly for firewood, and appears to thrive in spite of the tall grass, 5 to 8 feet high, which surrounds it. I would recommend it strongly for planting in grassland where trees can not usually be grown."

For previous introduction, see S. P. I. No. 55670.

**56637. BUCKLANDIA POPULNEA R. Br. Hamamelidaceæ.**

"(Nos. 7574, 7575. November 21, 1922.) A tall straight tree 60 to 80 feet in height, of fine appearance, found near Kaotien, one day's journey north of Tengyueh, at an altitude of 6,000 feet. The broadly triangular leaves are dark green, and the yellow male flowers are in globose heads. This should be an ornamental lawn tree."

For previous introduction, see S. P. I. No. 55674.

**56638. BROMUS UNIOLOIDES (Willd.) H. B. K. Poaceæ. Grass.**

From Auckland, New Zealand. Seeds presented by W. S. Hill, agricultural instructor, Seddon Memorial Technical College. Received March 1, 1923.