

63977. GENISTA SPHAEROCARPA Lam.
Fabaceae.

From Morocco. Cuttings collected by David Fairchild, agricultural explorer, Bureau of Plant Industry. Received June 24, 1925.

From near Demnat, May 31, 1925. A charming drooping desert shrub covered with delicate brilliant yellow flowers somewhat resembling small orchids. (*Fairchild.*)

63978 to 63997.

From Paris, France. Seeds presented by Prof. D. Bois, Paris Museum of Natural History. Received June 5, 1925.

A collection introduced chiefly for testing as forage plants.

63978 to 63983. ASTRAGALUS spp. Fabaceae.

63978. *ASTRAGALUS BUBALOCERAS* Maire.

63979. *ASTRAGALUS FRIGIDUS* A. Gray.

A perennial upright or ascending, entirely unbranched or with very few branches. Native to alpine slopes throughout northern Europe and Asia.

63980. *ASTRAGALUS GALEGIFORMIS* L.

A perennial upright, slightly hairy plant 1 to 3 feet high, native to south-eastern Europe and Asia Minor.

63981. *ASTRAGALUS GLYCYPHYLLOIDES* DC.

A perennial plant with ascending stems and rather large oval leaflets. Native to eastern Europe and Asia Minor.

63982. *ASTRAGALUS HAMOSUS* L.

An annual gray-green hairy plant with prostrate or ascending stems 8 inches to a foot in length. Native to sunny places in the Mediterranean countries.

63983. *ASTRAGALUS PONTICUS* Pall.

A hairy-stemmed species with dense axillary flower heads. Native to southern Russia.

63984. ERODIUM CICONIUM (Jusl.) Willd.
Geraniaceae.

An annual hairy plant, belonging to the geranium family, with stout ascending branches, oval leaves, and purple flowers. Native to southern Europe and Asia Minor.

63985. ERODIUM MANESCAVI Coss. Geraniaceae.

A perennial plant, belonging to the geranium family, about a foot and a half high, with narrow leaves 6 inches or more in length and rosy purple flowers about 2 inches across. It grows wild in the Pyrenees Mountains.

63986. GAUDINIA FRAGILIS (L.) Beauv.
Poaceae.

An annual ascending grass, 8 inches to 2 feet high, with thick, roughly hairy leaves, confined almost entirely to the Mediterranean countries.

63987. JACARANDA CHELONIA Griseb. Bigoniaceae.**63978 to 63997—Continued.**

An Argentinian tree, sometimes as much as 90 feet tall, with a rounded habit and attractive fernlike foliage. The large blue flowers are in terminal panicles a foot long. The wood is valued in Argentina for cabinetwork.

63988 to 63990. MELICA spp. Poaceae.
Grass.

63988. *MELICA ALTISSIMA* L.

A rather tall perennial European grass, 3 to 4 feet in height, with creeping rhizomes, which forms a loose turf. The leaf sheaths and the backs of the leaves are very rough.

63989. *MELICA CILIATA* L.

A gray-green perennial grass, with stolons 4 inches or more long and stems up to 3 feet in height. The leaf blades are narrow, with rough, bristly margins. Native to rocky places in eastern Europe.

63990. *MELICA UNIFLORA* Retz.

A bright-green perennial grass, native to shady humid places in eastern Europe. The creeping rhizome is about 4 inches long, and the thick lax stems bear three or four narrow leaves.

63991. PASPALUM RACEMOSUM Lam. Poaceae.

A tropical American grass which is best adapted to the moist or alluvial soils of the Southern States. It grows from a rootstock, with rather coarse tender stems and leaves, reaching a height of about 2 feet. It has promise as a hay or pasture grass. (*C. V. Piper, Bureau of Plant Industry.*)

63992. PHLEUM PHLEOIDES (L.) Karst. (P. boehmeri Wibel). Poaceae. Grass.

A perennial gray-green, loosely caespitose grass, with a short creeping rhizome and stems 1 to 2 feet high. Native to dry stony places throughout central Europe.

63993. POECILANTHE PARVIFLORA Benth. Fabaceae.

The *lapachillo*, as it is called in its native home on the Uruguay River, is a tree of great beauty, with its finely divided leaves and small but dense clusters of pink flowers. The heartwood is dark brown, very hardy, heavy, and durable.

63994. TRIFOLIUM RUBENS L. Fabaceae.

A perennial clover with a widely creeping rhizome and upright glabrous stems 1 to 2 feet high. Native to rocky places and thickets in the Mediterranean region.

63995. TRIFOLIUM SQUARROSUM L. Fabaceae.

An upright or ascending robust annual, with branches up to 30 inches in length, native to the Mediterranean countries. The pink or white flower heads are oval when young, becoming more elongated later.

63996. TRIGONELLA ENSIFERA Trautv. Fabaceae.

An annual leguminous plant, very closely allied to the fenugreek (*Trigonella foenum-graecum*), from which it differs chiefly in having hairy pods and the lack of odor in its seeds. Its native country is unknown.