

72453 to 72570—Continued.

72585. RHODODENDRON sp.

No. 6962. A stout gnarled scrubby bush 2 to 3 feet high, growing among gneiss boulders on broken slopes, at an altitude of 12,000 feet. The buds are purplish pink, changing to milk white, flushed purple without and splashed dark reddish purple at the base within. The leaves are not so rounded as No. 6968 [No. 72524]. This plant is one of the many species or varieties of this type found in the Seinghku Valley.

72586. RHODODENDRON sp.

No. 6967. A dwarf twiggly undershrub, not rising more than 6 or 8 inches above the general level of the carpet into which it is woven, on precipitous broken slopes, at an altitude of 13,000 feet. The leaf indumentum is orange, and the few rather large flowers are white with a touch of pink.

72587. RHODODENDRON sp.

No. 6984. *Limestone rose*. A beautiful plant found only on limestone rubble slopes and rocks where in sheltered situations it may form tufts 6 inches high, at an altitude of 13,000 feet. The bright rosy purple flowers appear about a month later than No. 6903 [No. 72526], from which this plant differs in many technical points, besides the obvious ones of habit and flower color.

72588. RHODODENDRON sp.

No. 6991. A scrub plant forming extensive colonies on the steep rubbly flank of the sheltered slope, not extending far up the face, at an altitude of 13,000 feet. The leaf has a layer of chocolate-colored hairs on a closely woven silver warp and the flowers are blood red.

72589. RHODODENDRON sp.

No. 7012. An early-flowering specimen from a sheltered steep earth bank, at an altitude of 11,000 feet. The rich magenta-purple flowers are considerably larger than those of No. 6903 [No. 72526]. The back of the corolla is paved with broad bands of shining scales.

72590. RHODODENDRON sp.

No. 7038. A compact dwarfed shrub, not exceeding a foot in height, scattered among scrub on steep granite slabs and cliffs, fully exposed, at an altitude of 12,000 feet. The flowers are cream or salmon pink, without any of the bluish tinge seen in No. 6924 [No. 72528].

72591. RHODODENDRON sp.

No. 7046. A yellow-flowered species with foliage waxy beneath and pleasantly aromatic, growing at an altitude of 10,500 feet.

72592. RHODODENDRON sp.

No. 7048. A small bush 1 to 2 feet high, but smaller in exposed situations, found at an altitude of 12,000 feet. It grows on turf slopes, high alpine moorland, and among boulders on broken scrub-clad slopes. The leaves are covered above with silvery-gray scales and below with reddish brown scales. The flowers are very dark purple magenta. This is a late-flowering species characterized by its crisp grayish mat foliage and dusky flowers. It looks best in the sunshine.

72593. RHODODENDRON sp.

No. 7048. A small fastigiate undershrub, growing in colonies on open moorland slopes at an altitude of 14,000 feet. The leaves are very small and the flowers are purple.

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72594. RHODODENDRON sp.

No. 7062. A bushy undershrub 12 to 18 inches high, growing in the hollows among boulders on broken rock-strewn slopes at an altitude of 12,000 feet.

Numbers 72545 to 72561 are from the Dichu Valley.

72595. RHODODENDRON sp.

No. 7108. A plant forming a small tight bush on open slopes and a shrub 8 to 10 feet high in the forest. The abundant flowers are white or flushed pink with a large purplish crimson blotch over most of the upper half. The leaves are strongly aromatic.

72596. RHODODENDRON sp.

No. 7121. A loose shrub 6 feet high, forming thickets in fairly open places on the edge of the forest, at an altitude of 10,000 feet.

72597. RHODODENDRON sp.

No. 7122. A small gnarled tree 20 to 25 feet high, growing scattered in mixed forests at an altitude of 10,000 feet. The leaves are long and narrow.

72598. RHODODENDRON sp.

No. 7123. A large shrub 12 to 15 feet high, growing in mixed forest on bowlder slopes and in thickets of Larix and rhododendron, at an altitude of 10,000 feet. It sometimes forms a small gnarled tree 20 feet high on the granite cliffs, at altitudes between 11,000 and 12,000 feet.

72599. RHODODENDRON sp.

No. 7124. A spreading tangled shrub, or sometimes a small tree, scattered in mixed forest with No. 7122 [No. 72547], at altitudes between 9,000 and 10,000 feet.

72599. RHODODENDRON sp.

No. 7125. A tree 40 to 50 feet high, with a smooth polished reddish purple trunk and large shiny leaves, with bright-red petiole and midrib. It flowers as a comparatively small bush and is found at an altitude of 10,000 feet.

72551. RHODODENDRON sp.

No. 7136. A spreading bushy shrub, growing socially in thickets or on boulders in the river bed, preferring shade, at altitudes between 8,000 and 9,000 feet. The pure white flowers with orange-red anthers are fragrant and in trusses of four to six.

72552. RHODODENDRON sp.

No. 7137. An undershrub growing in massive tangles on large boulders with No. 7136 [No. 72551], at altitudes between 8,000 and 10,000 feet.

72553. RHODODENDRON sp.

No. 7138. A small wiry shrub growing in thickets on the edge of the mixed forest, but keeping in the open, at altitudes between 8,000 and 9,000 feet.

72554. RHODODENDRON sp.

No. 7139. A tall slender loosely knit shrub growing with No. 7136 [No. 72551], on a huge granite bowlder in the river bed, at altitudes between 8,000 and 9,000 feet.

72555. RHODODENDRON sp.

No. 7140. A medium-sized tree scattered in mixed forest among rhododendron, Pinus, Quercus, etc., at altitudes between 7,000 and 8,000 feet. The very small flowers are cherry red with darker spots.