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Roerich Museum
310 Riverside Drive
New-York City

Mr. Roerich,
Dear Sir,

I read in newspapers that you were interested to find plants for Department of Agriculture which would give good result when cultivated in dry states of the U.S. where dry climates kills other kind of plants.

By my long experience in Horticulture, Silk-Culture, etc. in Russia, Ukraina, Germany and U.S. - I suggest following plants which, I am certain, will give good result when growing in dry climate:

1. Sophora hardy plant, containing oil in itself.
2. White Statice } Plants and flowers that in dry form are used by florist
3. Ruscus } for design work.
4. Japan Millet for common use and for animals.
5. Hickory.
7. Cornus alba siberica.
8. Lambucus nigra to make wine.
9. Broom corn. to make brooms
10. Vicia Sativa } for animals use.
11. Vicia villosa }
12. Laxaial Turkestanica
13. Eucalyptus globulus medical tree, for making Eucalyptus oil.
14. Garagana arborensceus very hardy.
15. Morus alba }
16. Morus nigra } for silk worm Culture.
17. Scorzioner }

I urgently recommend Silkworm culture in dry states of the U.S. because Moris alba, M. nigra and scorzioner grow very good in dry climate in any kind of soil, so I suggest it would require a small sum from Dpt. of Agriculture or from nation. Reconstruction to open in your museum or somewhere in N.Y. City practical course of silk culture as I have good experience. About 26 years ago I was growing Silk-worms in Riverview Mdfarm when Dept. of Agriculture supplied me with men and paid me for all my silk cocoons that I sent to Dept. I am American citizen and was graduated from Horticultural school and school of Agriculture.

Yours very truly,

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1. Sophora hardy plant, containing oil in itself. Растет в Херсонск. Губерн.
2. white Statice. } Plants and flowers that in dry form are used by florists for design work. По русски второе называется перекати поле, очень выносливое раст. Растет в Херсонск. Губернии.
3. Ruscus. }
4. Japan Millet for common use and for animals. Мною была выслано в Екатеринославское Земство для опытов культуры в засушенных местах 300 пудов японского проса, которое дало чудные результаты в Екатеринославской Губернии.
5. Hickory - из корней делают цикорий, а растение для корма скота
6. Talix. Корзиночные сорта ивы для делания корзин.
7. Cornus alba siberica. - тоже для вязания корзин и как средства для унавожки
8. Lambucus nigra to make wine.
9. Broom corn Турецкое просо to make brooms растет в Херсонск. и Таврич. Губ.
10. Vicia Sativa } for animals use. Это семейство бобовых дает на своих
11. Vicia vilosa } корнях азотистые наросты, обогащающие почву азотистыми веществами
12. Laxaiael Turkestanica - очень выносливое и крепкое растение, употребляемое для мебели и в топливо, произрастающее в Туркестане.
13. Eucalyptus globulus medical tree, for make Eucalyptus oil.
14. Garagana arborensceus very hardy, очень выносливое и быстро растущее в Херсонск. и Полтавск. губ. - молодые листья для корма скота, а замечательно для топлива
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