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Washington, D. C.,
May 5, 1909.

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Coimbra, Portugal.

Dear Sir:

Although it has been shown by preliminary experiments that the Horse Bean (*Vicia faba*) can be grown in certain portions of the United States successfully, a thorough investigation of its possible value has never been made, and it is our desire to carry out the coming year a test to include as many varieties as possible of this interesting plant.

I write therefore to inquire whether it would be possible for you to collect pound samples of the different varieties which are recognized by the cultivators in your region. We will, of course, be glad to pay for any small expense connected with this collection, or will send you in return any American seeds you may desire to have.

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In short, we would be grateful for any information possible.

Very truly yours,

David Fairchild
Agricultural Explorer in Charge.

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Agricultural Explorer in Charge.

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