

6933 to 6958—Continued.**6946. FICUS CARICA.****Fig.***Black Parsot* or *Barnisotte*. (No. 685d.)**6947. CITRUS AURANTIUM.****Orange.**

“The *round* blood orange of the island of Malta. This variety has nearly always a blood-colored flesh and is one of the best strains of oranges on the island. Probably originated here or was brought here at a very early date. It is quite distinct from No. 6948 and not esteemed so highly.” (*Fairchild*.)

6948. CITRUS AURANTIUM.**Orange.**

“An *oval* blood orange, said by Dr. Giovanni Borg, a specialist in citrus matters in Malta, to be the finest flavored orange on the island. Personally I find it superior to No. 6947 and unparalleled for its remarkably vinous flavor.” (*Fairchild*.)

6949. ERIOBOTRYA JAPONICA.**Loquat.**

“Seeds of some very large loquats from Bosketto Gardens, Malta, collected May 22, 1901.” (*Fairchild*.)

6950. CITRUS AURANTIUM.**Orange.**

Maltese *oval seedless*. “Cuttings taken from trees in the governor’s palace grounds in Malta. This is the best known seedless Malta orange. My experience is that it sometimes has a few seeds or rudiments of seeds in it. By many it is thought to be the best orange in Malta.” (*Fairchild*.)

6951. CITRUS LIMETTA.**Lime.**

“A variety of lime growing in the gardens of San Antonio near Valetta. The origin of this variety is unknown by Doctor Borg, the citrus specialist. The fruits are almost without exception quite seedless and attain a very considerable size for limes, being often 3 inches long by 2¼ inches in smaller diameter. Doctor Borg says that owing to the peculiar flavor (a typical lime flavor) this is not appreciated in Malta, people preferring forms *with* seeds. It is a very juicy sort, with thinnish rind, and of a good color. Possibly this is the same as that sent in by Mr. Swingle (No. 3412) from Algiers. The trees are very vigorous here, even strikingly so. They commonly bear only one crop of fruit, but occasionally two crops are produced. A single fruit yielded one-fourth of an ordinary drinking glass full of juice of good flavor. Secured through the kindness of Dr. Giovanni Borg, of San Antonio Gardens, at the governor’s palace.” (*Fairchild*.)

6952. FICUS CARICA.**Fig.**

Tin Baitri or *St. Johns*. “Precocious fig, two cropper.” (*Fairchild*.) (No. 685h.)

6953. FICUS CARICA.**Fig.***Tina baida*. (No. 685b.)**6954. CITRUS AURANTIUM.****Orange.**

Lumi-laring. “A remarkable variety of orange otherwise known as the Sweet orange or China orange. It is *always sweet even when quite green and immature*. Doctor Bonavia, well known as a specialist on the oranges of India, speaks of this variety in a recent article in the Journal of the Royal Horticultural Society, April, 1901 (Vol. XXV, pt. 3, p. 308). He remarks: ‘I am informed that in Malta there exists a unique orange of the same (Portugal orange) group, but which is never sour from beginning to end, but sweet and juicy. * * * I have never met with an orange of this description in India. It would be worth while getting hold of it for the purpose of multiplying it and bringing it into commerce. Such a unique orange, I believe, has never appeared on the English market.’ In Malta this orange is not very highly esteemed, and personally I find it not nearly so agreeable as the sour varieties, but nevertheless it is far superior to an immature sour orange. It is as sweet as sugar and water, and is declared to be just as sweet when half grown as when mature. It may have a decided value commercially, and will find many