

**8754 to 8761—Continued.****8755.**

*Burni.* "This is a light-colored date about the same size as the *Fard*, but thinner, also from Semail. It ripens in Maskat in July. It was formerly shipped to America, but was found to be a poorer keeper than the *Fard*, and now it is no longer demanded. Because of its scarcity it sells for \$50 Mexican per 1,800 pounds." (*Fairchild.*) (No. 907.)

**8756.**

*Nagal.* "An early variety from Semail, 50 miles in the interior, ripening in June. It is a light-colored date about  $1\frac{1}{4}$  inches long and three-fourths inch in diameter. It is not as sweet as the *Fard*, but is highly prized because it is the earliest date in the region. It is consumed locally and only in a fresh condition. High prices are paid for it by the Arabs. It is a soft sort, resembling the *Fard*." (*Fairchild.*) (No. 908.)

**8757.**

*Mubsali.* "From Semail, 50 miles inland from Maskat. This date is a long, large variety, which is picked before being ripe, boiled for an hour in salt water, and then spread out in the sun to dry. (See Nos. 8563 and 8564.) These dates, which are as hard as stick candy, and almost as sweet, are sold in India, where there is a big demand for them, and where higher prices are paid than for the ordinary *Fard* variety. They sell for \$80 Mexican per 1,800 pounds. This belongs to the *Karak pokhla* class of dates, which are served in India at every wedding and festival. They are sometimes eaten fresh. It is the best paying date in Maskat. Suitable for dry, hot regions. It ripens in July." (*Fairchild.*) (No. 909.)

**8758.**

*Khanezi.* "From Semail, 50 miles inland from Maskat. An almost round, soft, very sweet sort, only consumed locally. It is a rare variety, ripening in July. It is eaten in the fresh state and considered one of the best of this kind in Maskat." (*Fairchild.*) (No. 910.)

**8759.**

*Khassab.* "From Semail, 50 miles inland from Maskat. A red variety when ripe, somewhat shorter in shape than the *Fard*. It ripens in August. It is a soft variety, therefore not a shipping date. It is reported to be the heaviest yielder of any, as much as 450 pounds being borne by a single tree. It is not as sweet as the *Fard*, but is still of good quality." (*Fairchild.*) (No. 911.)

**8760.**

*Hellali.* "From Semail, a date region 50 miles back of the town of Maskat. It is as round fruited as a walnut, light colored and soft. It is not a packing date but is used fresh. The bunches are exceedingly large. A rare sort even in Maskat." (*Fairchild.*) (No. 912.)

**8761.**

"*Fachl* or *Fahel*, meaning *male* date, from the valley of Semail, 50 miles in the interior behind Maskat. This is the variety used in this great valley, where half a million trees are grown, as the pollinator. It might be called simply *Semail Fahel*, to distinguish it from the Egyptian *Fahel* or male sent in 1900." (*Fairchild.*) (No. 913.)

**8762 to 8785. PHOENIX DACTYLIFERA.****Date palm.**

From Kej, Baluchistan. Received through Messrs. Lathrop and Fairchild (Nos. 914 to 937, March 23, 1902), June 7, 1902.

A collection of date palms secured through the kindness of Lieutenants Grant and Maxwell, of the First Baluchistan Light Infantry, from Kej, a region six days by