

9666 and 9667.

From Surat Government farm, India. Received May 11, 1903.

9666.*Unnamed seed.***9667.** ORYZA SATIVA.**Rice.****9668. HELIANTHUS ANNUUS.****Sunflower.**

From Moscow, Russia. Received through Mr. E. A. Bessey from E. Immer & Son, May 22, 1903.

White-seeded variety, grown for oil making.

9669. MANGIFERA INDICA.**Mango.**

From Beira, Portuguese East Africa. Received through Messrs. Lathrop and Fairchild (No. 1089, January 28, 1903), May 25, 1903.

Lathrop. "During a trip down this East African coast seven years ago, Mr. Lathrop found at Beira a few mangoes of such extraordinarily fine quality that he has often spoken of them as a possibly valuable present to the mango growers of America. We reached Beira at the end of the season for this mango and could only secure one fruit of it to test and one seed of another fruit. The fruit eaten, which was given us by the American consul, Mr. Glenny, was of exquisite flavor and as free from fiber as a firm custard. The seed of this fruit and the other seed of the same variety are labeled No. 1091, L. & F., S. P. I. No. 9486. The following scanty information was obtainable about this mango: On the island of Chiloane, some 60 miles south of Beira, a monastery was established by the Portuguese several centuries ago. This monastery has been abandoned for many years, a century or more, we are told. Long after that time some fishermen found mango trees growing in the abandoned garden of the once monastery and brought the fruit to Beira. Since then small lots of this fruit are brought from Chiloane by any fishing boat passing during the mango season. The repute of this mango has spread along the African coast as being far superior to any other variety grown there. So far as we could learn no effort has been made to introduce the plant to the mainland, except in the instance of a single young tree in Beira grown from a seed. The sample we ate was delicious in flavor, delicate in texture, and of large size. This variety was named after Mr. Barbour Lathrop, its discoverer and first introducer into America." (*Fairchild.*)

9670 to 9699. MANIHOT sp.**Cassava.**

From Robert Thomson, Half Way Tree, Jamaica. Purchased on the recommendation of Prof. P. H. Rolfs. Received May 7, 1903.

9670.*Pacho No. 1.***9677.***Heleda No. 4.***9671.***Pacho No. 2.***9678.***Heleda No. 5.***9672.***Pacho No. 3.***9679.***Heleda No. 6.***9673.***Pacho No. 4.***9680.***Heleda No. 7.***9674.***Heleda No. 1.***9681.***Rio (Pie?) de Paloma.***9675.***Heleda No. 2.***9682.***Negruta No. 1.***9676.***Heleda No. 3.***9683.***Negruta No. 2.*