

98045 to 98051—Continued

98047. *LECYPHIS ZABUCAJO* Aubl. Lecythidaceae. Sapucaya nut.

No. 2963. Collected February 15, 1932, on Trinidad. The sapucaya nut is native to the Amazon Valley and adjacent regions, and many people consider it even better flavored than the Brazil nut. The somewhat triangular nuts are over 2 inches long and about an inch wide. They are borne in large woody urn-shaped capsules about 10 inches in diameter, with close-fitting lids at the top. The tree is a slow grower and requires a long time to reach the bearing stage.

For previous introduction see 92030.

98048. *PASPALUM Plicatum* Michx. Poaceae. Black grass.

No. 2941. Collected on Tobago, February 20, 1932. An upright cespitose perennial grass about 3 feet high. It is native to Uruguay.

For previous introduction see 62050.

98049. *PASSIFLORA MOLLISSIMA* (H. B. K.) Bailey. Passifloraceae. Softleaf passionflower.

No. 2995. Collected February 23, 1932, in the market at Georgetown, British Guiana. A yellow fruit about the size of an egg, with a rather soft flexible skin. The fruit is unusually aromatic, and the slightly acid flesh has a delightfully pleasant flavor.

98050. *QUASSIA AMARA* L. Simaroubaceae.

No. 2972. Collected in the Botanic Garden at Georgetown, British Guiana, February 23, 1932. A shrubby tree, native to tropical America. The opposite dark-green pinnate leaves have winged petioles and are made up of five elliptical leaflets with pink veins. The racemes of small crimson flowers are followed by ovoid black fruits about half an inch long.

98051. (Undetermined.)

No. 2989. Collected near Georgetown, British Guiana, on the Lamaha Canal, February 26, 1932. A large-leaved tree which bears greenish-yellow fruits the size of a large plum. The very small seeds are scattered through the slightly acid agreeable pulp.

98052 to 98056.

From the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. Scions presented by V. P. Alekseev, plant introducer, Sukhum Subtropical Branch of the All-Union Institute of Plant Industry, Sukhum, Caucasus. Received March 19, 1932.

A collection of scions from Tuapse, northern Caucasus, introduced for the use of Department specialists.

98052 to 98055. *JUGLANS REGIA* L. Juglandaceae. Persian walnut.

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98056. *PYRUS* sp. Malaceae. Pear.

No. 135181. *Cherkess*.

98057 to 98071.

From the West Indies. Seeds collected by David Fairchild and P. H. Dorsett, agricultural explorers, Bureau of Plant Industry, with the 1931-32 Allison V. Armour expedition. Received March 15, 1932.

98057. *ALYSICARPUS VAGINALIS NUMMULARIFOLIUS* (L.) Baker. Fabaceae.

No. 2792. Collected on Carriacou, Grenadine Islands, February 8, 1932, at 900 feet altitude. A low creeping annual legume which forms a mat of stems and foliage not over half an inch thick. It may prove a good legume to mix with lawn grass.

For previous introduction see 67838.

98058. *CROTALARIA VERRUCOSA* L. Fabaceae.

No. 2950. Collected on Tobago, Windward Islands, February 19, 1932.

For previous introduction and description see 97876.

98059. *ERYTHRINA PALLIDA* Britt. and Rose. Fabaceae.

No. 2914. The coral or jumbie bean. Collected February 16, 1932, from a very large tree at Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, that has triangular-shaped leaves; and the coral-red seeds, one fourth to one third black, are used for necklaces.

98060. *ERYTHRINA* sp. Fabaceae.

No. 2796. Collected February 9, 1932, on Carriacou, Grenadine Islands, near the Botanic Garden. A form with white flowers.

98061. *MEIBOMIA CANA* (Gmel.) Blake (*Desmodium supinum* DC.). Fabaceae.

No. 2861. Collected at Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, February 15, 1932.

For previous introduction and description see 97965.

98062. *MUCUNA* sp. Fabaceae.

No. 2895. Collected February 17, 1932, at Port-of-Spain, Trinidad. A vine which covers tall forest trees. The yellow flowers are followed by large pods, 5 inches long and 2 inches wide, which contain 3 or 4 large decorative seeds. When young the pods are covered with stinging hairs, hence the name cow-itch.

98063. *MUCUNA SLOANEI* Fawc. and Rendle. Fabaceae. Horse-eye bean.

No. 2938. Collected on Pigeon Mountain, Tobago, February 20, 1932. A high-climbing woody vine, native to Florida and the West Indies. The trifoliolate leaves have thin ovate leaflets 3 to 6 inches long, silky pubescent beneath, and the yellow flowers, 2 to 3 inches broad, are borne in an umbellate cluster on a stalk about the length of the leaf petiole.

98064 and 98065. *PHASEOLUS VULGARIS* L. Fabaceae. Common bean.

Collected at Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, February 17, 1932.

98064. No. 54. Small black beans purchased in the market. They are said to be bush beans.

98065. No. 55. A locally grown red bush bean.