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INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT

In this Inventory, no. 115, is recorded the plant material introduced by the Division of Plant Exploration and Introduction between April 1 and June 30, 1933, totaling 1,129 numbers (102378-103406).

The introduction of plants and scions of more than one hundred named varieties of apples, peaches, apricots, and pears from Italy is in continuation of the plan of the Division to bring into this country, for testing by Government specialists, as many as possible of the commercial deciduous-fruit varieties of Europe. Mention should be made also of a collection of grape scions presented by the Biologische Reichsanstalt at Naumburg, Germany (nos. 102491-102512); these will be tested in the far West and Southwest.

During March 1933, David Fairchild made a tour of several of the islands of the West Indies, stopping also for a brief visit to the Canal Zone. This trip was made possible through the continuing generosity of Allison V. Armour, whose yacht, the *Utowana*, carried the expedition. Dr. Fairchild's collections included cuttings and seeds of various tropical and subtropical fruits, seeds of a number of rare palms, and seeds or cuttings of numerous little-known ornamentals. Also worthy of mention is a special collection of palms (nos. 103155-103173) from Ceylon, presented by the Royal Botanic Garden at Peradeniya.

Joseph Rock, for several years an agricultural explorer for this Division, was traveling during this period through southwestern China for the University of California Botanic Garden. Through the courtesy of that institution, this Division received over 200 lots of seeds collected by Dr. Rock. These included several apparently new species of *Berberis*, *Cassiope*, *Cotoneaster*, *Iris*, *Lilium*, *Nomocharis*, *Prunus*, and *Rosa*.