

17138 to 17140.

From Manila, P. I. Received through Mr. W. S. Lyon, horticulturist, Bureau of Agriculture, January 16, 1906.

17138. LILIIUM PHILIPPINENSE. **Benguet lily.**

"Its grassy foliage is striking and graceful. It forces here admirably, and I think should be a good subject for a forcing bulb in cultivation." (*Lyon.*)

17139. STERECULIA FOETIDA.

"*Bobuy.*" A tall, handsome, smooth tree with whirled horizontal branches, large compound leaves, and large, dull red flowers appearing with the leaves in spreading panicles. The fruit consists of five large follicles, containing 10 to 15 smooth, black seeds the size of filberts, which are roasted and eaten like chestnuts. Native throughout the tropics of the Old World.

17140. ACTINORHYSIS CALAPPARIA. **Palm.**

"One of the most attractive palms of the Areceae group that I have ever seen. I think it would prove a useful subject for house decorations, as our native gardeners grow it to a large size (8 to 10 feet) in flat, shallow, 12-inch pans." (*Lyon.*)

17141. GARCINIA MORELLA. **Gamboge.**

From Kingston, Jamaica, British West Indies. Received through Dr. W. Fawcett, director of Hope Gardens, January 18, 1906.

Seeds obtained for the purpose of propagating seedling stocks upon which to graft the mangosteen.

17142 and 17143. PASSIFLORA spp.

From Washington, D. C. Plants grown on the grounds of the Department of Agriculture, and numbered for convenience in recording distribution on January 18, 1906.

17142. PASSIFLORA RACEMOSA. **Passion flower.**

17143. PASSIFLORA QUADRANGULARIS VARIEGATA. **Granadilla.**

17144. ORYZA SATIVA. **Rice.**

From North Galveston, Tex. Received through Dr. S. A. Knapp, January 15, 1906.

Egyptian. "The *Egyptian* rice is locally known in Louisiana as *Bull* rice and has been grown there for a great many years. It has a large berry of the Japanese type—that is, thick and short kernel—somewhat larger than the *Kiushi* rice, dark colored and much softer when it first ripens, so that it answers excellently for the purpose of stock food. It also has more protein than the ordinary rice. The characteristics of its growth are that it requires very little water, has a strong stalk, abundant leaf, is a heavy producer, and will generally make a crop even though the other rices fail. For these reasons it is grown in Louisiana as a stock food." (*Knapp.*)

17145. DIOSPYROS VIRGINIANA. **Persimmon.**

From Augusta, Ga. Received through the P. J. Berckmans Company, January 19, 1906.

Seedling stocks for use in grafting imported scions.

17146. GARCINIA MANGOSTANA. **Mangosteen.**

From Buitenzorg, Java. Received through Dr. M. Treub, director of the Botanical Gardens, January 19, 1906.