

**21347. MELOCANNA BAMBUSOIDES.****Muli bamboo.**

From Chittagong, British India. Presented by Deputy Conservator of Forests, Chittagong division, through Mr. W. F. L. Tottenham, Conservator of Forests, Bengal, India. Received September 20, 1907.

"The culms reach a height of 50 to 70 feet, with a circumference of 12 to 13 inches at the base.

"It has been stated that *M. bambusoides* dies immediately after fruiting, but Doctor Anderson, superintendent of the botanic gardens at Calcutta, states that in no case of which he was aware during the flowering period of 1857-58 did a general death of the bamboo follow. The foliage almost entirely disappeared during the flowering, and the flowering shoots died, but they were replaced by young shoots.

"The fruit is very curious in form and size as compared with other bamboos. The true seed inside the pericarp, about the size and shape of a betel nut (small pear), is very pleasant eating and not at all austere, though without much flavor. The natives declare the whole fruit is edible after baking." (*Theobald. From Colonel Munro's monograph of the Bambusaceae.*)

**21349. BAMBUSA VULGARIS.****Bamboo.**

From Cannes, France. Received from M. Jln. Augier Gerant, Villa les Cocotiers. Received September 23, 1907.

"The Bamboo *thourarii* sprouts only in winter—at the end of September. The cold freezes the new stems rather frequently. The old stems can resist a temperature of  $-6^{\circ}$  C., while the new stems have been known to freeze at  $-3^{\circ}$  C." (*Gerant.*)

**21350 to 21356.**

From Teyhampett, Madras, India. Presented by Mr. B. F. Cavanagh superintendent of the Agri-Horticultural Society, through Prof. C. V. Piper. Received July 13, 1907.

The following seeds, with Tamil names in italic :

<b>21350.</b> CAJANUS INDICUS. <i>Thovvaroc.</i>	Pigeon pea.
<b>21351.</b> CICER ARIETINUM. <i>Kadalai.</i>	Chick pea.
<b>21352.</b> DOLICHOS LABLAB. <i>Mockakottac.</i> White seeded.	Hyacinth bean.
<b>21353.</b> DOLICHOS BIFLORUS. <i>Karapa kollu.</i> Black seeded.	Kulthi.
<b>21354.</b> DOLICHOS BIFLORUS. <i>Kollu-sambal.</i> Gray seeded.	Kulthi.
<b>21355.</b> PHASEOLUS VULGARIS. <i>Nattu.</i> The brown bean of the country.	Bean.
<b>21356.</b> PHASEOLUS VULGARIS. <i>Vallay.</i> White bean.	Bean.

**21357 to 21360. ALOCASIA CUCULLATA.****Taro.**

From Island of Guam. Presented by Mr. H. L. W. Costenoble, superintendent, Agricultural Experiment Station, U. S. Naval Station, through Mr. O. W. Barrett. Received September 26, 1907.

A collection of taros, or "sunes," by which latter name they are known in the island of Guam. The local varietal name by which they are grown in that island is given under each number. Plants received under synonym of *Caladium colocasia*.

<b>21357.</b> <i>Visaya apaka.</i>	<b>21359.</b> <i>Mamla atilon.</i>
<b>21358.</b> <i>Visaya sp.</i>	<b>21360.</b> <i>Panemia agaga.</i>