

24166 and 24167. MELALEUCA LEUCADENDRON L.

Presented by Dr. John Gifford, Cocoanut Grove, Fla., through Mr. P. J. Wester, in charge, Subtropical Garden, Miami, Fla. Received November 17, 1908.

24166. Seed from Australia.

24167. Cuttings from a tree 18 feet tall growing near Cocoanut Grove, Fla.

"The cajaput-tree of India and Australia. Reaches a height of 80 feet. Can be grown on the edges of salt-water swamps where no Eucalyptus will survive; the tree is believed to be valuable for subduing malarial vapors like Eucalyptus. The lamellar bark is valuable for preserving fruit wrapped in it. The wood is hard, close grained; and almost imperishable underground. The leaves yield as much as 2 per cent of the well-known cajaput-oil, closely allied to that of Eucalyptus." (Extract from Von Mueller.)

24168 and 24169. DAHLIA spp.**Dahlia.**

From Boca del Monte, Vera Cruz, Mexico. Presented by Dr. C. A. Purpus, of Zacuapan, Mexico, through Dr. J. N. Rose, associate curator, United States National Museum. Received November 19, 1908.

Seed of the following:

24168. (Rose No. 08.314.) Flower orange or yellow.

24169. (Rose No. 08.315.) Flower purple; 6,000 to 7,000 feet altitude.

24170. MANGIFERA INDICA L.**Mango.**

From Province of Imos, Philippine Islands. Presented by Mr. Donald MacIntyre, Moanalua Gardens, Honolulu, Hawaii. Received November 20, 1908.

Pico. "A variety of merit. It comes true from seed and by that method has been reproduced in that country for generations." (MacIntyre.)

24172. ANONA SQUAMOSA L.**Sugar-apple.**

From Antigua, British West Indies. Presented by Mr. A. S. Archer to Mr. P. J. Wester, in charge, Subtropical Garden, Miami, Fla., who forwarded a small quantity to the Department November 9, 1908.

Variety *purpurea*.

24173 to 24192.

From Soochow, Kiangsu, China. Presented by Rev. R. A. Haden, B. D. Received November 14, 1908.

The following seeds. Quoted descriptions by Mr. Haden; descriptions of varieties by Mr. H. T. Nielsen:

24173 to 24175. VICIA FABA L.

Broad bean.

"These are varieties of the same bean, grown from about latitude 30° to 33°. They are planted in the fall; it is said that planted in the spring they will not produce. Plant 2 to 3 seeds in a hill, space about 1 foot each way. Stalk bushy and about 3 feet to 4 feet 6 inches high; foliage and seed pods quite smooth; blooms light lilac, slightly fragrant; very prolific. Among earliest plants to bloom in spring and these green beans are the earliest to be had in the market. These are cooked in the same way as butter or lima beans; when dry they are also parched and eaten, and, too, they are soaked until tender, the skin peeled off, and cooked, they are very good thus prepared."

24176. SOLANUM MELONGENA L.

Eggplant.

"A white variety of eggplant, very fine. I send these because I have never seen the white eggplant at home."