

24193. ORYZA SATIVA L.**Rice.**

From Chevy Chase, Md. Grown by Mr. David Fairchild on his place "In the Woods." Received November 23, 1908.

Grown from dry-land rice No. 19188.

"Planted June 5; it matured a crop of ripe grain. I only planted a few kernels and it received no irrigation whatever. One plant had 17 heads on it and though not as tall as irrigated rice it looks like a promising thing to me. I also planted the same variety in April and got a good stand, somewhat better than the later planting, i. e., maturing earlier. I surmise that in such seasons as the last one (1908), May would be the best time to sow this rice in Maryland." (*Fairchild.*)

24194. CARISSA CARANDAS L.

From Peradeniya, Ceylon. Presented by Mr. John C. Willis, director, Royal Botanic Gardens. Received November 21, 1908.

See No. 23750 for description.

24195. SCHOENOCALON OFFICINALE (Schlecht.) Gray. Cebadilla.

From Vera Cruz, Mexico. Presented by Mr. William W. Canada, American consul. Received November 10, 1908.

"The party who procured some of this seed for us in 1905 informs us that it is poisonous, containing Veratrum, and is therefore generally used in the form of a tincture for destroying body lice, etc., as also ticks on cattle. There are other varieties of the same species—the *Zygadenus mexicanus* and the *Stenanthium frigidum*, but these are considered as inferior. The plant is indigenous to the soil in some parts of the State of Vera Cruz. Cebadilla is a common commodity procurable of druggists in the United States." (*Extract from letter of Consul Canada, September 18, 1905.*)

24196. CITRUS NOBILIS LOUR. (?)**"Naartje."**

From Warm Baths, Transvaal, South Africa. Presented by Mr. C. A. Simmonds, at the request of Mr. R. A. Davis, government horticulturist, Transvaal Department of Agriculture, Pretoria. Received November 30, 1908.

Groenskil. "The word '*Groenskil*' means green skin, and the fruit of this variety bears more resemblance to the Emperor mandarin perhaps than to most others. It hangs for a long time on the trees in good condition, and is the latest ripening variety we have. It is also more hardy than the '*Platskill*' (S. P. I. No. 24326)." (*Extract from letter of Mr. Davis, February 13, 1908.*) See No. 21551 for further remarks.

24197 to 24202.

From Biloxi, Miss. Grown by Prof. S. M. Tracy, special agent, who procured the original seed from Prof. C. F. Baker, Experiment Station, Santiago de las Vegas, Cuba. Received November 30, 1908.

Plants of the following; notes by Professor Tracy:

24197. CALOPOGONIUM COERULEUM (Benth.) Hemsl.

A slender vine, 10 to 15 feet, rooting freely, poor climber, nodules abundant, no flowers.

24198. CALOPOGONIUM ORTHOCARPUM Urb.

A slender vine, 3 to 6 feet, rooting freely, poor climber, nodules abundant, no flowers.

24199. GALACTIA TENUIFLORA (Willd.) W. & A.

A slender, vigorous climber, nodules abundant, no seed.