

30300. ASPARAGUS AFRICANUS Lam.**Asparagus.**

From Cedara, Natal, South Africa. Presented by Mr. E. R. Sawyer, director, Division of Agriculture. Received March 28, 1911.

Introduced for the work of the Office of Truck-Crop Diseases in breeding a resistant asparagus, and also various forms for florists' use.

30301. NICOTIANA TABACUM L.**Tobacco.**

From the vicinity of Remedios, Cuba. Presented by Prof. Ramón García Oses, director, Estacion Experimental Agronómica, Santiago de las Vegas, Cuba. Received March 29, 1911.

30302 to 30306.

From Comendador, Dominican Republic. Presented by Mr. M. E. Beall. Received March 27, 1911.

The following material; notes by Mr. Beall:

30302. XANTHOSOMA sp.**Yautia.**

"This is a much-prized vegetable here, producing large bulbs, white, sweet, starchy, the best substitute we have for the Irish potato. This is also a handsome foliage plant, giving forth large leaves like the elephant's ears (*Caladium esculentum*), with much the same habit of growth. In the South, after adorning the lawn until fall the folks can eat the bulbs and find them very good."

Bulbs.

30303. ANACARDIUM OCCIDENTALE L.**Cashew.**

"An acid fruit (two kinds, red and yellow) of very agreeable taste. The seeds when roasted are better than peanuts, but not as good as chestnuts. This may prove to be a different variety from what you have had. The tree grows rapidly and produces much fruit. I make excellent jelly of it."

Seeds.

30304. CHRYSOPHYLLUM CAINITO L.**Star-apple.**

"*Caimito*. A large tree of rather slow growth with a delicious, round, green fruit about the size of an orange. The leaves are dark, glossy green above and bronze on the under side, ovate in shape. The fruit is good to eat and the tree a delight to the eye."

30305. CUCURBITA PEPO L.**Pumpkin.**

"*Auyama*. A good edible variety, but the vines run over large areas. It withstands well both wet and dry weather."

30306. LAGENARIA VULGARIS Ser.**Gourd.**

"An immense gourd grown here. I have seen them half as large as a barrel. The natives use them with the point cut off for water jars. Cut through from top to bottom they are used for dish pans and bathtubs. If they mature in the Gulf States they will be valuable to the colored folks, for here they are indispensable."

30308 to 30364.

From Chinese Turkestan. Received through Mr. Frank N. Meyer, agricultural explorer, March 24, 1911.

Cuttings of the following:

30308. PYRUS sp.**Pear.**

From Khotan, Chinese Turkestan. "(No. 804, November 25, 1910.) A pear called *Amoot*. This is of medium size, knobby exterior, yellow color;