

# INVENTORY.

**32369. PHYTELEPHAS sp. Ivory-nut palm.**

From an island near the west coast of Panama (?). Presented by Mr. M. B. Shantz, Rochester, N. Y. Received January 2, 1912.

"The button industry uses a large amount of vegetable ivory. This is the fruit of a species of palm growing wild in South America, principally in the republics of Ecuador and Colombia. The manufacturers of this city alone use of this material about 15 tons a week, and the question has often arisen as to whether the palm could not be cultivated successfully in Florida or some of the other Southern States." (*Shantz.*)

The plants grown from these seeds will be tested for their suitability to conditions in southern Florida and southern California.

**32370. CAPSICUM ANNUUM L. Red pepper.**

From Barcelona, Spain. Presented by Mr. Henry H. Morgan, American consul general. Received January 3, 1912.

"*Pimiento Marrón.*" See No. 30084 for previous introduction.

**32371. SAPINDUS sp. Soapberry.**

From Brazil. Presented by Mr. Omar E. Mueller, American vice consul, Bahia. Received January 3, 1912.

"These berries have the property of making a lather with water upon being crushed in the hands and are used in the interior in the place of soap. They are the fruit of a tree known here as *Saboneta*, which is indigenous to the dry, arid country of Brazil." (*Mueller.*)

**32372 to 32380. AMYGDALUS PERSICA L. Peach.**

From San Antonio, Tex. Grown by Mr. S. H. Hastings, superintendent, San Antonio Experiment Farm. Numbered January 2, 1912.

Mexican seedling peach trees as follows; quoted notes by Mr. Hastings. These were grown from seeds procured by Mr. G. Onderdonk, of Nursery, Tex., while on an exploration trip for the Department of Agriculture in Mexico in 1902-3.

**32372.** "(No. C 31.) The fruit of this tree closely resembles the Honey peach, which is the best for this section of the South China varieties. In the season of 1910 this tree had much more fruit than the Honey peach, the fruit was more uniform in size, and had a more uniform ripening period. The fruit ripens about the 20th of June, and about a week later than the Honey peach. The tree is a vigorous grower, and Mr. G. Onderdonk recommends it as worthy of propagation."

**32373.** "(No. E 10.) The fruit of this tree resembles the Honey peach in shape and flavor and is a freestone. The ripening period is about August 18 to 20, or nearly two months later than the Honey variety. Its late-ripening period puts it in the valuable class, although the fruit is not better than the fruit of the Honey peach."