

"Mr. Miller's brother-in-law informed him that he found the young tree growing along the bank of a stream in the interior of Peru at a considerable elevation. He stated that the trees grown there grew to large size and produced fruit that sometimes weighed as much as 14 pounds. He also stated that at the time the fruit ripened in that part of Peru it formed the principal article of diet of the native Indians.

"I have seen specimens of the cherimoya of Mexico growing here, but the fruit is not so large as this Peruvian fruit, nor does the tree attain such great size. The foliage is also smaller.

"In handling my tree I have found that it should be vigorously pruned early in the spring. It gives best fruiting results with that treatment.

"These seeds are from the finest fruit borne by the tree last year; it weighed 2 pounds 6 ounces, was perfect in shape, with a very thin skin; meat white and of very fine texture. It was, in fact, the finest specimen I have ever obtained from this tree.

"This particular tree is the finest cherimoya in all southern California, and the finest I have seen anywhere. The fruit is also much superior to that which is now being offered in the market here." (*O'Brien.*)

33185. ACACIA SCORPIOIDES (L.) W. F. Wight.

From Algeria. Presented by Dr. L. Trabut, Algiers. Received March 21, 1912.

"A variety cultivated at Biskra." (*Trabut.*)

33186 to 33188.

From Italy. Presented by Mr. Willy Müller, Nocera Inferiore, Italy. Received March 21, 1912.

Seeds of the following:

33186. *AKEBIA LOBATA* Decaisne.

See Nos. 24744, 26424 and 30855 for previous introduction.

33187. *CUCUMIS MELO* L.

Muskmelon.

From Castellammare.

33188. *CUCUMIS MELO* L.

Muskmelon.

From Nocera.

33189. JUGLANS REGIA L.

Walnut.

From Sorrento, Italy. Procured by Mr. W. B. Fiske, of the Bureau of Entomology, United States Department of Agriculture, stationed at the Gypsy-Moth and Alfalfa-Weevil Laboratory at the R. Scuola Superiore D'Agricoltura, Portici, from Mr. Pasquale D. Luca, head gardener, at the request of Mr. William W. Handley, American consul, Naples, Italy. Received March 22, 1912.

"*Sorrentina*. The trees from which these cuttings were taken were grown by me in ground at Meta di Sorrento belonging to the estate of Dr. Corrado Buggiero. The shoots were all from the same variety and were taken from two trees. The *Sorrentina* is a large and majestic tree with a large crown and great branches while still young, and covered with a clear gray bark which with age becomes split. The leaves are quite large, alternately pennate with 5 to 9 leaflets, and when fresh they have a peculiar odor. The fruit is an oblong drupe and terminates in a rather long point. The pericarp is rather thin and the endocarp is very fleshy." (*Pasquale D. Luca.*)

33190. PHOENIX DACTYLIFERA L.

Date.

From Panjgur, India. Received through Mr. Stuart K. Lupton, American consul, Karachi, India. Received March 23, 1912.