

The species of *Furcraea* are cultivated in much the same way as those of *Agave* except that the former are given more heat and water. As a rule, *Furcraeas* bear fruit not more than once and then die without producing suckers. They do, however, produce when in flower an immense number of bulbils which may be used for propagation. It is impossible to say at what size or age the plant will bloom. Grown in pots they may take a century. On the other hand, plants from bulbils have been known to flower in three years. The leaves of *F. elegans* measure 4 to 5 inches at the broadest part and 3 inches above the base. They are rough on the back and are armed with large prickles. The peduncles are from 20 to 25 feet long. The branches are slightly compound and the panicles often reach from 10 to 12 feet." (*L. H. Bailey, Cyclopedia of American Horticulture.*)

Bulbils.

37129 and 37130.

From Lal Bagh, Bangalore, India. Presented by Mr. G. H. Krumbiegel, economic botanist, Mysore Government Botanical Gardens. Received February 9, 1914.

37129. *BAMBOS* sp.

Bamboo.

This was received in response to a request for "bamboo rice" listed in the Official Handbook of Exhibits of the Mysore Dasara Industrial and Agricultural exhibition, 1911, among the rices, with the description: "*Kiri bidari* rice (bamboo rice). This is prepared out of bamboo paddy which is grown in the bamboo trees once in 60 years. This is used as food by the poor during distress and also used as medicine for those that are suffering from enlargement of the spleen."

37130. *ORYZA SATIVA* L.

Rice.

"*Kembuti bhatta.*"

37131. *GARCINIA MULTIFLORA* Champion.

From Hongkong, China. Presented by Mr. W. J. Tutcher, Botanical and Forestry Department. Received February 9, 1914.

An opposite-branched clusiaceous shrub, with entire, ovate or obovate, short-stalked, thick leaves, 3 to 3½ inches long, and terminal corymbs of 4-petaled flowers. Common toward the Black Mountain, Hongkong, flowering in the heat of summer. (Adapted from *Bentham, Flora Hongkongensis, p. 25, 1861.*)

37132 and 37133. *CUCURBITA PEPO* L.

Squash.

From Rome, Italy. Presented by Dr. Gustav Eisen. Received February 9, 1914.

"*Zucchetta.* A peculiar kind of squash. This squash is eaten green and while the flower is yet adherent to the fruit, and never when the fruit is ripe, at least I have never seen it eaten at that stage. Used stewed, fried, etc., in many different ways, like squash or green peas. It is most delicious when boiled in fresh butter and is fully equal to tender green peas, though of a different flavor. I prefer *zucchetta* to any other fresh vegetable in this country. Many eat the flowers when the new fruit is not more than 1 or 2 inches long, though generally they are sold when the fruit is between 6 and 10 inches, always while green." (*Eisen.*)

37132. "*Zucchetta nana, 'Cerbero.'*"

37133. "*Zucchetta nana, 'Romana.'*"