

**38117 to 38135—Contd.** (Quoted notes by Commander Stearns.)

**38117.** ADENANTHERA PAVONINA L. Mimosaceæ. Coral-bean tree.

"*Lopa*. Has red berries that are used for necklaces."

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"*La Aulopa*. A handsome deciduous tree. The heart of the wood (of the larger trees) is a deep-red color. It is hard and durable and in India is used at times as a substitute for red sandalwood. Yields a dye."

**38118.** CALOPHYLLUM INOPHYLLUM L. Clusiaceæ. Mast wood.

"A valuable tree; grows tall, with heavy trunk; the wood cuts nearly white but grows red as exposed; it is hard, curly, and heavy, suited to cabinetwork on account of its beautiful red color. Canoes are made of this wood, and it is much used for general purposes. The oil extracted from the seeds is used as a medicine for eye diseases. In southern Polynesia the green, fragrant oil from the nut is used for lamps and as an external remedy for bruises and rheumatism. The resin from the trunk is one of the tacamahac gums of commerce; it is agreeably aromatic (in Tahiti it is used as a scent), yellowish green in color, and soluble in alcohol."

**38119.** CANNA INDICA L. Cannaceæ. Canna.

"*Fagamanu*."

"*Fanamanu*. In India the seeds are sometimes used for shot, and are made into necklaces and other ornaments; they yield a purple dye, but it is not very permanent. Starch may be obtained from this, but not so good as that from another variety."

**38120.** CASSIA sp. Cæsalpiniaceæ.

"*Lauvai matui*."

**38121.** CAPSICUM FRUTESCENS L. Solanaceæ. Red pepper.

"*Polo*. Bush, small Chile pepper."

**38122.** CORDIA SUBCORDATA Lam. Boraginaceæ.

"Very light wood; serves for floats for fish nets. The berries are used as paste for native cloth. The wood is rather soft, but it is durable and of a rich walnut color; it is much prized in Hawaii, where it is used for cups and poi calabashes. When polished, the wood shows wavy bands of light and dark."

*Distribution*.—Southeastern Asia and Madagascar and eastward through the Malayan Archipelago to Australia and Hawaii.

**38123.** CASSIA OCCIDENTALIS L. Cæsalpiniaceæ.

"*Fuefuesina*. A small creeper. The leaves are used by natives as a liniment, and were used in olden times to drive evil spirits from the body."

**38124.** DYSOXYLUM MAOTA Reinecke. Meliaceæ.

"*Maota*. A short, heavy tree with dense foliage; wood is light colored, straight grained, not durable. It is the favorite tree of the wild pigeon, which eats its fruit."

**38125 and 38126.** GYNOPOGON spp. Apocynaceæ.

**38125.** GYNOPOGON sp.

"*Ma Ali*. A large tree, very abundant; wood light slate color, coarse grained, but straight, dry, and light; quite hard; the odoriferous gum is much used by the natives."