

38171 to 38174—Contd. (Quoted notes by Mr. Dorsett and others.)

38171. *ROLLINIA DELICIOSA* Safford. Annonaceæ. **Fruta de condessa.**

“(No. 224a. Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. March 20, 1914.) The *fruta de condessa* (fruit of the countess), indigenous in the State of Rio de Janeiro, whence the fruit is shipped to the markets of the capital and sold there at 100 to 400 reis (3 to 12 cents) apiece. In general form the fruit is conical to cordate, frequently 3 to 4 inches in diameter. The surface is covered with conical protuberances of varying prominence, and is creamy yellow in color when the fruit is fully ripe. The skin is rather tough and not easily broken; it surrounds the milky white, somewhat mucilaginous flesh, in which the seeds are embedded. The flavor is somewhat insipid, but is much esteemed by the Brazilians, as evidenced by the quantity of the fruit sold. The seeds are not so numerous as in many other annonaceous fruits, but they are about the same size as those of cherimoya. The fruit ripens in February and March in this region. Should be given a trial in Florida and southern California, particularly as a stock for the cherimoya and other choice annonaceous fruits.”

38172. *MIMUSOPS* sp. Sapotaceæ.

“(No. 225a. Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, March 22, 1914.) A small sapotaceous fruit from the Jardim Botânico. Tree about 20 feet high. Fruit oval, slightly under 1 inch in length, maroon in color. The flesh surrounding the single seed is whitish and of very pleasant flavor, resembling that of the sapodilla.”

38173. *HOLCUS SORGHUM* L. Poaceæ. **Sorghum.**
(*Sorghum vulgare* Pers.)

“(No. 226a. From Barbados, British West Indies. April 5, 1914.) One head of sorghum, collected in a field near Bridgetown, where it was being cultivated.”

38174. *SOLANUM* sp. Solanaceæ.

“(No. 227a. Brazil.) Data concerning seed has been lost, but it probably came from the interior of Bahia State, Brazil.”

38175. *PARINARI EXCELSUM* Sabine. Rosaceæ.

From Mount Coffee, Liberia. Presented by Mr. Henry O. Stewart. Received May 11, 1914.

Rough-skinned plum (?).

“The fruit is about the size of an *Imperatrice* plum, covered with a rough skin of a grayish color, and commonly called the *Rough-skin* or *Gray* plum. It is brought into the market on the west coast of Africa, but is not much esteemed on account of the small quantity of edible matter it contains, which is only the dry farinaceous substance surrounding the large stone.” (*Lindley, Treasury of Botany, vol. 2, p. 846.*)

38176 to 38182.

From China. Collected by Mr. Frank N. Meyer, Agricultural Explorer for the Department of Agriculture. Received May 14–15, 1914. Quoted notes by Mr. Meyer.

38176. *CRATAEGUS PINNATIFIDA* Bunge. Malaceæ. **Hawthorn.**

“(No. 1209. Village of Tachingko, near Taianfu, Shantung, China. March 21, 1914.) A large-fruited variety of Chinese hawthorn, fruit