

send seeds from a choice fruit given me at the experiment station May 23. The pith of the fruit is small and solid, the color like a good grapefruit." (Extract from letter from W. T. Swingle, dated "Off Shanghai, China, May 25, 1915.")

**40894 and 40895. CRACCA spp. Fabaceæ.**

From Peradeniya, Ceylon. Presented by Mr. H. F. Macmillan, superintendent, Royal Botanic Gardens. Received June 29, 1915.

**40894. CRACCA CANDIDA (DC.) Kuntze.**

(*Tephrosia candida* DC.)

"Well known in the East as *Boga-medelloa*. This grows rapidly and attains a height of 8 to 10 feet or more. It is a favorite plant for planting among crops for green manuring and is probably the best for the purpose in tropical latitudes." (*Macmillan.*)

**40895. CRACCA VILLOSA PURPUREA (L.) Kuntze.**

**Kavalai.**

(*Tephrosia purpurea* Pers.)

"A perennial herb, 1 or 2 feet high, with few-flowered racemes of purplish pink flowers, used in the low country of Ceylon as a green manure and in the dry regions as a mulch and sand binder. A decoction of the bitter root is used by the Hindoos for dyspepsia, diarrhea, and flatulence. (Adapted from *Macmillan, Handbook of Tropical Gardening*, and *Lanessan, Les Plantes Utiles.*)