



A FIELD OF MOLASSES GRASS, MELINIS MINUTIFLORA BEAUV., S. P. I. No. 28768, FROM BRAZIL. (SEE S. P. I. No. 41148.)

A South African grass, commonly cultivated in Brazil, which has grown well in Florida and elsewhere in the Gulf States. It is said to be eaten greedily by cattle and horses, because of the sticky secretion on the blades, which is said to amount to as much as 3.22 per cent of the dry digestible matter. In the field it is of a purplish color, the sticky secretion sometimes being so evident as to look like frost on the leaves, leading observers to believe that the grass was frost resistant. (Photographed at the Gainesville, Fla., Experiment Station, by Peter Bisset, November 14, 1912; P10391FS.)