

41135 to 41141—Continued. (Quoted note by Mr. C. Wercklé.)

41141. POLAKOWSKIA TACACO Pittier. Cucurbitaceæ. **Tacaco.**

"The *tacaco* is not of a perishable nature, as the chayote; it has a hard skin when ripe and keeps in perfect condition for weeks; at last it shrivels and in this state it is planted. The fruits for planting are chosen from those which fall off the vine when dead ripe. They can not be planted in the soil; they do not sprout. The best way is to bury them in rotting leaves on the earth, with a layer of dead leaves on them."

Fruits.

41142. AMYGDALUS PERSICA L. Amygdalaceæ. **Peach.**

(*Prunus persica* Stokes.)

From Swatow, China. Presented by Mr. G. C. Hanson, American consul.

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"The two common strains of peaches in the vicinity of Swatow are locally called the cling and the free varieties. There is also a third variety of a hard and bitter nature, not edible except when preserved. This, the free strain, named so because the flesh does not adhere to the stone, ripens about the middle of July. It is a sweet peach and a better fruit than the cling variety. The seeds of this peach are used for medicinal purposes by the Chinese. The peaches grown here are greatly inferior to the American varieties. Peaches raised from the seeds are natural fruits, which are small and tasteless. The trees need to be budded before the edible peach can be produced." (*Hanson.*)

41143. CACARA EROSA (L.) Kuntze. Fabaceæ. **Yam bean.**

(*Pachyrhizus angulatus* Rich.)

From Calcutta, India. Presented by Mr. H. G. Carter, economic botanist, Botanical Survey of India Department, Indian Museum. Received September 7, 1915.

"*Sankalu.*"

See S. P. I. No. 38665 for previous introduction and description.

41144 to 41146. ORYZA SATIVA L. Poaceæ. **Rice.**

From Sao Paulo, Brazil. Presented by the Director de Agriculture e Industria Pastoral. Received September 13, 1915.

41144. No. 1. *Arroz Goyano* (rice from Guiana).

41145. No. 2. *Arroz Jaguary* (rice from Jaguary, Minas Geraes).

41146. No. 3. *Agulha* (needle), from the littoral (Iguape).

41147 and 41148.

From Macuco, Estado do Rio, Brazil. Presented by Mr. T. R. Day. Received September 13, 1915.

41147. CARICA PAPAYA L. Papayaceæ. **Papaya.**

"*Mamão* (pronounced *mammon* very nearly, with accent on the second syllable) appears to be the same as the papaya of India, but the fruit here, like that of the Brazilian mango, is superior to the Indian varieties we have encountered, although it is not so much esteemed here as it is by the natives in India. These seeds are of an unusually good variety, and we think that if not already introduced or experimented with, it is well worth a trial in the United States in sheltered places where there is practically no winter. It will grow in any soil and fruits within twelve