

of varieties known to the Japanese, have been secured through the mayor's courtesy, and these will be propagated and distributed under the same varietal names as those they bear in the Arakawa collection.

Paulownia tomentosa has become such a feature in our parks that a new species of this tree, *Paulownia fortunei* (No. 42036), with larger flowers, from Formosa, will be watched with interest. Bentham's cornel from Nepal, *Cornus capitata* (No. 42287), with dense heads of yellowish flowers and deep-orange fruits, the size of nectarines, will interest those with whom the American dogwood is a favorite.

The oriental species are not the only bamboos of value for timber, and those living in the Tropics will want to test the takuara of Paraguay, *Bambos guadua* (No. 42066), a species evidently too tender for Florida.

Those interested in tropical timber trees will find some remarkable ones in the collections introduced from Madagascar (Nos. 42355 to 42376), Argentina (Nos. 42321 to 42332), or in the famous jequitiba of Brazil (No. 41933), one of the largest and most beautiful of all tropical forest trees, now introduced for the first time by the forest expert, Mr. H. M. Curran, from Bahia.

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