

**42355 to 42376—Continued.**

used for the manufacture of varnish. The resinous wood is very hard and heavy and lasts very well. The sapwood is the color of oak and the heartwood is suitable for cabinetmaking. Native name *Copalier*. (Adapted from *De Lanessan, Les Plantes Utiles des Colonies Françaises, p. 531*, under *Hymenaea verrucosa*.)

**42376. TYPHONODORUM LINDLEYANUM Schott. Araceæ.**

This species of aroid is found in Zanzibar, Mauritius, and Madagascar, and, like all of the genus, it grows near the banks of muddy streams or in marshes. The plant measures from 1.5 to 2.5 meters high. All parts give off an irritating juice which causes itching. The Malagasy make an edible starch by drying the grated base of the plant over a slow fire. In spite of the action of the fire, however, this starch causes an itching in the mouth and even in the esophagus. This starch is also considered an excellent remedy against the bites of venomous animals. Certain animals, such as wild boars, are very fond of the entire stalk. From the leaf sheath, the Sakalavas extract a thread which they manufacture into heavy fishlines, and according to Perrier de la Bathie a variety which has reddish and blackish sheaths gives better fibers than the variety which has white sheaths. It is a very easy matter to gently draw out the threads after abruptly breaking the sheath, provided they are pulled out parallel to the axis. Thus obtained, the threads are at first a deep yellow, becoming much lighter with washing. Native names *Viha* and *Vihana*. (Adapted from *Heckel, Les Plantes Utiles de Madagascar, pp. 254-255*, under *T. madagascariensis*.)

**42377 to 42380.**

From Chefoo, China. Presented by Mr. A. Sugden, customhouse, through Mr. John F. Jewell, American consul, Chefoo. Received March 29, 1916.

**42377 and 42378. ARACHIS HYPOGAEA L. Fabacæ. Peanut.**

**42377** Small variety. **42378.** Large variety.

**42379. AMYGDALUS PERSICA L. Amygdalacæ. Peach.**  
(*Prunus persica* Stokes.)

"Mixed peach stones of various sorts and seasons." (*Sugden*.)

**42380. PRUNUS ARMENIACA L. Amygdalacæ. Apricot.**

Introduced for breeding experiments.

**42381 to 42383.**

From Buenos Aires, Argentina. Presented by Señor Benito J. Carrasco, director, Botanic Gardens. Received March 21, 1916. Notes by Señor Carrasco.

**42381. BAUHINIA CANDICANS Benth. Cæsalpiniacæ.**

"*Caoba*. Ornamental tree, with excellent wood, from the temperate region of Argentina."

**42382. CAESALPINIA MELANOCARPA Griseb. Cæsalpiniacæ.**

"*Guayacan*. A handsome leafy tree, with hard reddish wood, from the temperate region of Argentina."

**42383. CASSIA LAEVIGATA Willd. Cæsalpiniacæ.**

"*San Falso*. A vigorous ornamental tree from the temperate and hot regions of Argentina."