

**42896—Continued.**

"Seeds of what might be called an apricot plum. A fruit the size of a small plum growing on a plumlike tree, but having considerable of an apricot flavor."  
(Whitman.)

**42897 to 42901. ANNONA CHERIMOLA Mill. Annonaceæ.****Cherimoya.**

From San Francisco de Limache, Chile. Plants presented by Sr. Adolfo Eastman. Received May 6, 1916. Quoted notes by Mr. Eastman.

"These are grafted varieties and are already in flower, so that at least next season they will bear."

**42897.** "*Concha*, meaning shell. The skin resembles tortoise shell."

**42898.** "*Copucha*, meaning bladder. Has a very smooth skin."

**42899.** "*Piña*, meaning pineapple. Has the appearance of the pineapple."

**42900.** "*Sandia*, meaning watermelon. Called so because of its size, like a watermelon."

**42901.** (No label.)

**42902. AMHERSTIA NOBILIS Wall. Cæsalpiniaceæ.**

From Sibpur, near Calcutta, India. Presented by the curator of the Royal Botanic Garden, at the request of Mr. Bernard Coventry, Agricultural Adviser of the Government of India, Pusa. Received June 20, 1916.

"Named in honor of Lady Amherst. A medium-sized tree, native of Burma, and considered the most beautiful of all flowering trees. Its immense candle-brumlike sprays of red and yellow flowers, drooping from every branch among the handsome foliage, present an appearance of astonishing elegance and loveliness. It is in flower during the greater part of the year, but its chief flowering season in Ceylon is from January to April, i. e., the dry season. The tree thrives in the moist low country up to 1,600 feet and requires rich and well-drained soil. It does not seem to flourish near the sea, and is rarely met with about Colombo. It produces seed very scantily anywhere, a pod or two occasionally being all that can be obtained, and even these are often infertile. Propagation by layering has therefore to be adopted. Introduced into Ceylon in 1860." (Macmillan, *Handbook of Tropical Gardening and Planting*, p. 291.)

**42903 and 42904. STRYCHNOS spp. Loganiaceæ.**

From Beira, Mozambique, Portuguese East Africa. Presented by Mr. E. H. Heron, Director of Agriculture. Received June 19, 1916.

**42903. STRYCHNOS SPINOSA Lam.**

"Vernacular name, *M'Tamba*."

A small tree up to 10 feet high found throughout tropical Africa, in Madagascar, and the Seychelles. This tree is interesting because of its hard-shelled, orangelike fruit, 2 to 3 inches in diameter, with an acid pulp which is wholesome and agreeable, with a clovelike aroma very noticeable when ripe. The seeds contain no alkaloids. This plant has produced fruit in Florida, where it seems to do well.

For previous introduction, see S. P. I. No. 42596.

**42904. STRYCHNOS GERRARDI N. E. Brown.**

"Vernacular name, *M'Quaqua*."

An East African species from Natal and Portuguese East Africa.

For previous introduction, see S. P. I. No. 34161.