

## INVENTORY.<sup>1</sup>

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### 44446. OPUNTIA MONACANTHA (Willd.) Haw. Cactaceæ.

From Singapore, Straits Settlements. Cuttings presented by Mr. I. Henry Burkill, director, Botanic Gardens. Received April 2, 1917.

"*Opuntia monacantha* is the only species of its genus which has established itself wild here, and that only very sparingly." (*Burkill.*)

"An upright, branching cactus, native of Argentina, reaching a height of 6 feet or more, with rather thick, oblong, flat joints 5 to 12 inches long; areoles furnished with yellowish brown bristles; and one or two erect, yellow or brown spines up to 1½ inches long in each fascicle. The yellow flowers are about 3 inches wide, and the red, spiny, pear-shaped fruits are sometimes proliferous." (*J. N. Rose.*)

### 44447. OMPHALOPHTHALMA RUBRA Karst. Asclepiadaceæ.

From Curaçao, Dutch West Indies. Collected by Mr. H. M. Curran. Received April 2, 1917.

"*Mari poni poen.* Green fruit, cooked as a vegetable." (*Curran.*)

A climbing shrubby, hairy plant, native of the island of St. Martin, West Indies. with opposite long-petioled, heart-shaped leaves nearly 3 inches long and dark-purple, rather small flowers in the axils of the leaves. (Adapted from *Karsten, Florae Columbiae, vol 2, p. 119, pl. 163.*)

### 44448 and 44449.

From China. Presented by Rev. Joseph Bailie, University of Nanking, Nanking. Received April 2, 1917.

44448. CASTANEA MOLLISSIMA Blume. Fagaceæ. Chestnut.

"Chestnuts from the capital of Anhwei." (*Bailie.*)

44449. CASTANOPSIS sp. Fagaceæ. Chestnut.

"Dwarf chestnuts from the country near Anchin, Province of Anhwei." (*Bailie.*)

### 44450. LAGENARIA VULGARIS Seringe. Cucurbitaceæ. Gourd.

From San Juan Bautista, Tabasco, Mexico. Presented by Mr. Gabriel Itié, director, Agricultural Experiment Station. Received April 3, 1917.

"Known under the native name of *hux*. The very large fruit is used as a containing vessel." (*Itié.*)

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<sup>1</sup> All introductions consist of seeds unless otherwise noted.