

From the same source comes a forage grass (*Phalaris coerulescens*, No. 46955) which may be worthy of naturalizing on the dry sheep pastures of California, since the animals forage on the subterranean bulbous parts of it, as Dr. Trabut writes, when all other vegetation is dried up.

The argan tree of Morocco (*Argania spinosa*, No. 46969), which yields a valuable oil, is again introduced, but whether or not it can stand the cold weather of southern California is the question. Earlier attempts have failed.

The Taiwania (No. 46980) is a Formosan conifer of great beauty, which was obtained by Mr. E. H. Wilson personally from Formosa, and every possible effort should be made to establish it in our Southern States.

Mr. Popenoe describes *Tigridia pavonia* (No. 46981) as a fascinating garden vegetable. When in bloom it has attractive flowers varying from yellow to deep scarlet in color. Mrs. Nuttall, who has them in her garden in the City of Mexico, finds that they multiply rapidly and require no cultural attention. The tubers, called cacomite, suggest chestnuts when cooked.

From Rio de Janeiro the Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Cardinell, sends a collection of seeds of unusual forage and fiber plants (Nos. 46985-46999), collected in the States of Matto Grosso and Amazonas, Brazil, by Dr. Geraldo Kuhlmann, of the Rondon Commission. It will be strange if some valuable grasses for the Southern States do not come from this collection.

Mr. Wester sends in the spores of five tropical ferns (Nos. 47011-47015). Since Mr. Hertrich, of Pasadena, and others have been so successful in growing tree ferns from spores, the beautiful tree ferns of the world ought to be introduced and established, as far as it is possible, where they will add grace and beauty to the woodlands and rockeries of southern California and Florida.

Nos. 47017-47057 represent a remarkable collection of forage grasses made by Sr. André Goeldi, State of Para, Brazil, some of which might find a place on our Everglade lands, provided the soil conditions are suitable. Word now comes of Sr. Goeldi's death, and we record here sentiments of sincere regard. The world can ill afford to lose these research men.

To find attractive plants which will live down to the water line on sand dunes is a problem of no mean importance, and Mr. J. Burt Davy's suggestion of *Mimusops caffra* (No. 47099) from the African coast for this purpose is worthy of emphasis.

Since the search for corn is for varieties which have some particularly valuable character that may be incorporated into our American races of corn by breeding, the collection (Nos. 47109-47114) sent by