

*Rosa gentiliana* (No. 47359) was presented by Lady Harriet Thiselton-Dyer, from her Gloucester home in England, in April, 1919. Dr. Van Fleet, who has a bush of this species at Bell, Md., predicts that it will have a great future in the Southern States, and he has urged its wide distribution there.

The Guatemala grass (*Tripsacum laxum*, No. 47396), first introduced by Mr. G. N. Collins, has made a satisfactory growth in southern Florida and seems promising as a forage grass there.

A variety of bush Lima bean (No. 47447), selected since 1876 by Mr. Harkness at Iroquois, Ontario, and now adapted to cultivation in regions with a season too short for the ordinary strains of this vegetable, is presented to American growers.

The success of certain African species of trees in southern Florida makes worthy of special mention the arrival of a collection (Nos. 47496 to 47503) which includes: A new species of *Erythrina* (*E. excelsa*, No. 47498), with gorgeous scarlet flowers; a fragrant-flowered tree related to the *Annona* (*Monodora myristica*, No. 47500), with flowers 6 inches across; an ornamental leguminous tree (*Pahudia africana*, No. 47501) with dense racemes of fragrant blossoms; and a new species of *Spathodea* (*S. nilotica*, No. 47502), related to *S. campanulata*, which is already a common tree around Miami.

Mr. Gossweiler has sent from Loanda, Angola, a distinctly new fruit tree (*Trichoscypha* sp., No. 47519) which bears bunches of edible peachlike fruits. The tree is native to Portuguese West Africa and may prove an acquisition to Porto Rican and Hawaiian horticulture.

The acom of Brazil (*Dioscorea latifolia*, No. 47564), a yam which bears aerial tubers suggesting by their shape a turkey's liver, is remarkable in that these tubers are excellent eating when cooked. The growing interest in this group of starchy food producers may make this new introduction which Sr. Argollo Ferrão has sent of unusual importance.

The discovery of a bush variety of *Dolichos lablab* (No. 47568) by Mr. Harland, of St. Vincent, not only may make it possible to use this excellent cover crop in the citrus orchards of Florida, since it will not climb the trees, but also may lead to a wider use of this species as a vegetable. Its beans make excellent soups and are useful in many ways.

The puka tree of New Zealand (*Meryta sinclairii*, No. 47570), which for some time was supposed to be nearly extinct in its native habitats but now is grown as an ornamental, has so interesting a history that amateurs who can grow it will be interested to read Mr. Poynton's account of its introduction into cultivation.