



A CLUMP OF GUATEMALA GRASS AT MIAMI, FLA. (TRIPSACUM LAXUM NASH., S. P. I. No. 47396.)

Guatemala grass, a new forage crop for the South, introduced in 1919, has been found valuable in southern Florida, where it is now being planted extensively by dairymen and others. On ordinary soil it reaches 6 to 8 feet in height; on muck lands it grows even larger and produces 20 to 60 culms to a clump. The stems are juicy practically to the base, and cattle eat them with great avidity. Propagation is easily effected by means of the joints, which should be placed in moist moss and roots allowed to develop before they are planted in the field. The species, which will not tolerate much frost, gives promise of an important future in Florida as a soiling and silage crop. (Photographed by Peter Bisset, Miami, Fla., December 10, 1917; P23778FS.)