

Mr. Alfred Bircher, of Matania el Saff, Egypt, sends in seeds of *Eugenia aquea* (No. 48223), a myrtaceous tree which bears fruits the size of loquats with an aromatic flavor.

Mr. J. F. Rock, of Honolulu, during a hurried trip to Siam, sent back seeds of the *Hydnocarpus anthelminthica* (Nos. 48227 and 48228), which yields one of the oils used in the treatment of leprosy.

Mr. J. Burt Davy has sent from Victoria Falls, Rhodesia, a remarkable collection (Nos. 48230 to 48261) of seeds of the timber trees and of the ornamental trees and shrubs of that region; among them are the Rhodesian mahogany, Rhodesian teak, mukwa, Zambezi almond, and the gum-copal tree. It is hoped that some of these may be valuable for the reforestation work being carried on by the Hawaiian Sugar Planters' Association on the mountain areas of the Hawaiian Islands.

It is strange that a potherb like *Basella rubra* (No. 48262) should be in almost universal use in Bengal and practically unknown as such in America, though it grows and forms an attractive screen in our Southern States. Can there be different strains of it, or have we failed to learn to like it or to prepare it properly?

It is to be hoped that the common bamboo of northern Bengal (*Dendrocalamus hamiltonii*), which grows to 80 feet in height and furnishes edible shoots and valuable timber, will prove hardy enough for our Southern States. Seeds of this (No. 48266) were sent us by Col. A. T. Gage, of Darjiling, India, who at the same time sent seeds of *Dillenia pentagyna* (No. 48267), the flower buds and fruits of which are edible. Since *Dillenia indica* has fruited on Mr. George B. Cellon's place at Miami, Fla., it is possible that this other member of the genus will grow in that region.

The tree which furnishes the easily worked wood for tea chests and which grows at altitudes of 3,000 feet (*Duabanga sonneratioides*, No. 48268) would probably be a valuable addition to the forest trees of Porto Rico and Hawaii; and, since its seeds germinate readily, it may prove adaptable for forest purposes.

*Maesa chisia* (No. 48272), which covers large areas of the Darjiling Hills and according to Gamble affords ideal protection to planted trees, may prove of use in the reforestation work in Hawaii.

Subtropical species of *Prunus* may play a rôle in the stock problem of our Southern States, and *Prunus cerasoides* (No. 48276), a large tree often cultivated in the Himalayas, is worthy of investigation.

The yellow-fruited raspberry, which, according to Gamble, is one of the best wild fruits of India, can not fail to interest the breeders of the genus *Rubus*. Seeds of this *Rubus* (*R. ellipticus*, No. 48278) were sent us by Col. Gage.