

47929. ANACARDIUM EXCELSUM (Bert. and Balb.) Skeels. Anacardiaceæ.
(*A. rhinocarpus* DC.)

From New York, N. Y. Presented by H. P. Finlay & Co., Ltd. Received July 28, 1919.

"Seeds, called *Mijagua*, that come from Venezuela, where they are used as a substitute for Indian corn in the feeding of hogs. These seeds are much cheaper than Indian corn in Venezuela." (*H. P. Finley.*)

A majestic tree, related to the cashew nut, found at altitudes ranging from sea level to 2,700 feet, in torrid regions. The wood, being hard and heavy, is worked with difficulty, but it is used in making boats and canoes. Fish are very fond of the fruit, and it is stated that in ancient times the Indians in Talamanca used the cut-up bark of this tree to stupefy the fish and thereby to catch them more easily. (Adapted from *Pittier, Plantas Usuales de Costa Rica, p. 92.*)

47930 to 47939.

From Auckland, New Zealand. Presented by Mr. H. R. Wright. Received July 28, 1919. Quoted notes by Mr. Wright.

47930. METROSIDEROS TOMENTOSA A. Rich. Myrtaceæ.

"*Pohutukawa*. One of the most beautiful of flowering trees and very valuable as a bee plant; the honey made from this is of excellent flavor and is pure white. This tree, about 40 feet in height, is found on the hillsides, along the beach, and even grows out of the sides of the sea cliffs. In many cases, thriving trees grow just above high-water mark, where the roots are frequently washed by the tide. Like *M. robusta*, it yields a hard wood which is used for making knees for boat building. Strange to say, *M. tomentosa* is found in the wild state only near the sea, although it grows well inland if protected from frost."

For previous introduction, see S. P. I. No. 42852.

47931. CITRUS SINENSIS (L.) Osbeck. Rutaceæ. Sweet orange.

"*Dunning's Seedless* (navel orange). Seedling, from the Washington Navel, grown in Queensland, Australia, where it is said to surpass the Washington Navel."

47932. PRUNUS CERASIFERA MYROBALANA (L.) C. Schneid. Amygdalaceæ.

"*Coffee's Myrobalan*. This variety we use for the working of European plums and prunes (*Prunus domestica*). They grow well and make a good union on it. It strikes almost as freely as a willow."

47933 and 47934. PRUNUS SALICINA Lindl. Amygdalaceæ.

Japanese plum.

47933. "*Patterson*. A Satsuma seedling, said to be the latest of plums (yellow flesh)."

47934. "*Purple King*. *Doris* × *Hale*. A large Japanese plum of incomparable beauty, having very firm flesh of good quality. The best of the Japanese section; it surpasses all the other plums in vigor."

47935. PRUNUS sp. Amygdalaceæ.

Hybrid plum.

"*Wilson's Early*. Said to be the earliest hybrid plum grown; an extra good shipper."