

49288 to 49324—Continued.

49321. *OCHNA MOSSAMBICENSIS* Klotzsch. Ochnaceæ.

"(No. 206. Lourenco Marques, Mozambique. October 27, 1919.) Similar to No. 205 [S. P. I. No. 49320], but a low bush, seldom over 1 to 3 feet high; seed smaller, but fruit redder and even more showy."

49322. *CONOPHARYNGIA ELEGANS* Stapf. Apocynaceæ.

"(No. 191. Lourenco Marques, Mozambique. October 27, 1919.) A very abundant small tree or shrub covered with large, annular pods. When in full foliage it is a very attractive ornamental and may be of value as a rubber plant. Latex abundant."

For an illustration of this plant, see Plate III.

49323. (Undetermined).

"(No. 199. Lourenco Marques, Mozambique. October 27, 1919.) Similar to No. 198 [S. P. I. No. 49308], but fruit very tart and pleasant; cherrylike."

49324. (Undetermined.)

"(No. 177. South of De Aar, Cape Province. September 13, 1919.) A few lily seeds."

49325 to 49334.

From Coban, Guatemala. Plant material collected by Wilson Popenoe, Agricultural Explorer for the Bureau of Plant Industry. Received January 29, 1920. Quoted notes by Mr. Popenoe.

49325. *CHAMAEDOREA* sp. Phœnicaceæ.

Pacaya palm.

"(No. 236. Coban, Alta Vera Paz. December 27, 1919.) Plants of the *pacaya*, or Guatemalan salad palm, a species which was introduced into the United States in 1917 [see S. P. I. No. 45022], but which is worthy of a wider trial than has yet been given it. It is a tender plant, probably suitable for cultivation only in southern Florida. It likes a half-shade, plenty of moisture, and a soil rich in humus. It is a handsome small palm reaching about 20 feet in height, with a straight trunk about 2 inches in diameter and a crown of graceful pinnate leaves about 6 feet long. In Guatemala the leaves are often cut and used for house decoration. The young inflorescences, which are taken before the spathes are open, furnish a popular dish, pacaya salad. They can also be fried in batter, or boiled with other vegetables. They have a slightly bitter taste. If these inflorescences could be produced commercially in southern Florida, pacaya salad would undoubtedly find a place upon the menus of large hotels and restaurants in northern cities."

49326 to 49328. *DAHLIA MAXONII* Safford. Asteraceæ.

Dahlia.

49326. "(No. 237. Coban, Alta Vera Paz. December 27, 1919.) *Single white* variety. Cuttings of a rare form of the common tree dahlia of Guatemala, producing single white starlike flowers up to 5 inches in diameter. It appears to occur only as a cultivated or semicultivated form; I have never seen it among the wild plants on the mountainsides. In habit of growth and other characteristics except the color of the flower it is identical with the typical *Dahlia mazonii*."

49327. "(No. 238. Coban, Alta Vera Paz. December 27, 1919.) *Double white* variety. Cuttings from a plant in a dooryard at Tac-