

49955 to 49976—Continued.

49974. *ZEА MAYS* L. Poaceæ.

Corn.

“(No. 357. Sakania, Belgian Kongo. December 17, 1919.) The corn grown by the natives of this section; said to be small and early. It is planted mostly in small elevated beds about the native villages. Meal from this corn constitutes the chief food of the natives. This is a cool part of the Kongo, and the corn is probably an earlier type than will be found farther down.”

49975. (Undetermined.)

“(No. 376. Victoria Falls, Southern Rhodesia. November 17, 1919.) Seeds of a medium-sized forest tree from the open forests of Zambesi region.”

49976. (Undetermined.)

“(No. 383. Elizabethville, Belgian Kongo. December 29, 1919.) A tree which bears a large quantity of small, orange fruits with tough rinds and large pulp-covered seeds. The fruit is said to be eaten by the natives, but it does not taste very good and there is very little edible material on each fruit.”

49977 to 50054.

From Belgian Kongo. Seeds collected by Dr. H. L. Shantz, Agricultural Explorer of the United States Department of Agriculture. Received April 6, 1920. Quoted notes by Doctor Shantz.

49977. *ABELMOSCHUS ESCULENTUS* (L.) Moench. Malvaceæ.

Okra.

(*Hibiscus esculentus* L.)

“(No. 439. Bukama. January 16, 1920.) A tall okra plant with unusually short fruits which are used extensively. It is but rarely seen here and differs only slightly from the plant in our own gardens.”

49978 and 49979. *ANNONA MURICATA* L. Annonaceæ.

Soursop.

49978. “(No. 511. Kindu. January 27, 1920.) An introduced fruit, 6 inches long, with white flesh of very good flavor.”

For previous introduction, see S. P. I. No. 47874.

49979. “(No. 527. Kongolo. February 1, 1920.) A large and unusually good soursop. It is grown both here and at Kindu.”

49980. *ANNONA RETICULATA* L. Annonaceæ.

Custard-apple.

“(No. 528. Kongolo. February 2, 1920.) A very good custard-apple; quite abundant here and said to produce fruit in three years from seed.”

For previous introduction, see S. P. I. No. 45955.

49981. *ARACHIS HYPOGAEA* L. Fabaceæ.

Peanut.

“(No. 467. Moyumba. January 20, 1920.) A variety of peanut grown by the natives; an important food crop.”

49982. *ASPARAGUS* sp. Convallariaceæ.

Asparagus.

“(No. 402. Kalule Sud. January 8, 1920.) An upright, rather spiny asparagus; a bush and not a vine. Valuable as an ornamental.”

49983. *BOTHRIOCLINE* sp. Asteraceæ.

“(No. 401. Kalule Sud. January 8, 1920. Herb. No. 546.) A rather large-flowered plant which resembles *Vernonia*.”

49984. *BRACHIARIA BRIZANTHA* (Hochst.) Stapf. Poaceæ.

Grass.

(*Panicum brizanthum* Hochst.)

“(No. 404. Kalule Sud. January 8, 1920. Herb. No. 535.) A tall hairy leaved *Chaetochloa*-like grass forming large clumps, with a luxuriant growth.”

For previous introduction, see S. P. I. No. 43240.