

called attention when he sent in the first seeds. Its soft light wood, which is easily split, becomes durable when dry, and is used for furniture and building purposes and for wood carving by the Chinese, has evident adaptation to American conditions, as is proved by the trees which have grown from the seed Mr. Meyer sent, making this species worthy of serious study by foresters.

A large species of timber bamboo which flowers regularly and grows to be 60 feet tall can fail to interest us only if it refuses to grow in our Southern States. We are indebted to Mr. Hole, the forest botanist of Dehra Dun, India, for the seeds of this interesting species, *Dendrocalamus longispathus* (No. 54045).

The attention of cerealists should be called to the remarkable collection of Indo China rice selections (*Oryza sativa*, Nos. 54282 to 54296) which Mr. Carle, of the Genetic Laboratory of Saigon, has sent; among them are four (Nos. 54289 to 54292) of the so-called floating rices, having a different flavor from ordinary rice, which are flooded every year from July to November by the Mekong River and root freely from their upper nodes; also to the soft-shelled variety of Job's-tears (*Coix lacryma-jobi ma-yuen*, No. 54310), which, according to Señor Hernandez, Director of Agriculture of the Philippine Islands, is becoming a valuable crop for tropical agriculturists.

Of new fruit-bearing trees and shrubs the gai yuen tao (*Prunus glandulosa*, No. 54028), of China, has proved itself of value as a dooryard shrub as far north as Rochester, N. Y., where it has fruited repeatedly for Mr. Dunbar, to whom we are indebted for a quantity of seeds; it is attractive when in bloom and its enormous crop of brilliant-red refreshing fruits are the delight of little children. Florida mango growers will be eager for more details about the Pachmarhi mango (*Mangifera indica*, No. 54041), seedlings of which Mr. Bembower reports are considered resistant to frost in Pagara, India. The seedless white sapote (*Casimiroa* sp., No. 54046), which Milo Baker sends from Los Angeles, Calif., and the Costa Rican variety *C. edulis* (No. 54051) with fruits weighing 1½ pounds, secured by Mr. Wercklé, will add two new varieties to the collection of this interesting new subtropical fruit which we are getting together in southern Florida.

For the plant breeders who are interested in creating forms of apples, pears, barberries, or roses, we have assembled, through the courtesy of Professor Sargent, of the Arnold Arboretum, and Mr. Dunbar, assistant superintendent of the Rochester Parks, collections (Nos. 54061 to 54265) of very unusual value. These include a large number of wild species gathered by many years of effort and should find their places in the collections of the universities in the Northern States, where these plants form such important industries.

To those who have found how excellent are some of the new fruits originated by H. R. Wright, of Avondale, New Zealand, the new aphid-resistant apple stocks and other new prune and apple varieties (Nos. 54385 to 54395) will appeal.

To lovers of ornamental plants the gift of Hon. Vicary Gibbs, *Lonicera syringantha* (No. 54058), with its large daphnelike blooms, which have the fragrance of hyacinths, can not fail to appeal, and