

it may be a satisfaction to that veteran plant lover of England to feel that he has given to the dooryards of this country so lovely a shrub.

Pole Evans has sent some bulbs of the little South African gladiolus, which has bulbs the size of a pea (*G. alatus*, No. 54304) and ought to be interesting to the breeders of gladioli.

Though the seed failed to grow and it may be another year before we get more of it, we can not refrain from calling the attention of all tropical botanic gardens to the gorgeous ornamental plant, whose meter-long scarlet sprays, composed of the enlarged sepals of the inconspicuous flowers, splashed the landscape with scarlet near the Rio Súcio on Gatun Lake last summer when P. H. Dorsett and the writer were visiting the jungles of the Canal Zone. It is difficult to pardon the botanist Klotzsch for attaching to so gorgeous a plant the almost unpronounceable name of *Warszewiczia coccinea* (No. 54297).

Although the opinion of the chemists seems to preclude the probability that *Stevia rebaudiana* (No. 53918), which at one time alarmed the sugar planters by its reputed sweetness, will ever become a commercial crop, the introduction and trial in our country of so interesting a composite is surely warranted.

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