

INVENTORY OF SEEDS AND PLANTS IMPORTED BY
THE OFFICE OF FOREIGN SEED AND PLANT INTRO-
DUCTION DURING THE PERIOD FROM OCTOBER 1
TO DECEMBER 31, 1921 (NO. 69; NOS. 54426 TO
54676).

INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT.

Since these inventories were started, over 23 years ago, there has been such a delay in their appearance in type that the plants chronicled therein were in the hands of the experimenters long before they could read the accounts of the plants which had been sent them.

The last plant which is here recorded reached Washington December 29, 1921, and has still to be propagated before it can be sent out; it is to be hoped that before it goes out next spring a printed description of it will have appeared.

With the exception of a small number of Chilean plants secured by Mr. Popenoe just at the close of his last expedition (fig. 1), all of the plants described in this inventory were sent in by friends of plant introduction scattered over the world.

The success of the Japanese and Indian bamboos in the Southern States makes Mr. Hole's introduction of two forms which have not hitherto been established of interest to a wider public than heretofore; these are *Dendrocalamus brandisii* (No. 54429), which grows to 120 feet and has thick-walled culms, and *Melocanna baccifera* (No. 54430), a low-growing form 30 to 50 feet high, which bears fruits the size of a small pear. It is likely that these will prove of more value in Panama, Porto Rico, and Hawaii than anywhere else.

Mr. Dunbar, who is the first in America to have fruited out the half-evergreen oak, *Quercus serrata*, and who considers this tree one of the most ornamental of the Japanese species, sends us for distribution seeds (No. 54433) from his tree in Rochester, N. Y.

Dr. Gustavus Eisen, well known for his pioneer work in the early days of grape and fig introduction in California, has secured through his friend, Mr. Kouchakji, an interesting peach (No. 54441) from Baalbek and three of the famous Aleppo varieties of apricot (Nos. 54442 to 54444), which can not fail to interest Californians.

It is a long time since we have received anything from Doctor Fenzi, known to Californians as Doctor Franceschi, and it is a pleasure to call attention to a new melon (No. 54445) which he sends in from an oasis 10 miles west of Tripoli and which he remarks has hardly any cavity, but is an exceedingly juicy, delicately perfumed variety with greenish white flesh.