

**3205. CASMIROA EDULIS.****Zapote blanco.**

From Algeria. Received through Mr. W. T. Swingle, 1899, from the Jardin d'Essai, Mustapha.

"This tree, a native of Mexico, belongs to the family *Rutaceae* and is distantly related to the orange. It forms a large, round-topped tree, sometimes 40 or 50 feet high. The leaves are trifoliolate and evergreen. The fruit varies considerably in size, being 1 to 4 inches in diameter. It is pale yellow when ripe, and has a rich subacid flavor somewhat like that of the peach. The tree has been introduced into Algeria and southern France, but does not fruit well in the latter country. There is a fine specimen over 75 years old in Santa Barbara, Cal. In the statistics published by the Mexican Government relative to fruit production in the Republic, issued in 1895, the *Zapote blanco* is given as an important fruit, the annual value of the crop amounting to \$100 or more in a great many municipalities, and in Nogales, in the Canton of Orizaba, State of Vera Cruz, a crop worth \$2,000 (Mexican) is said to be produced, the valuation being 25 cents (Mexican money) per hundred, while in Mantehaula, State of San Luis Potosi, the annual value of the crop is \$1,200 (Mexican). The leaves are said to be used in medicine in Mexico. Efforts made in California to propagate from cuttings proved unsuccessful." (*Swingle.*)

**3206. ELAEAGNUS UMBELLATA.****Goumi.**

From Algeria. Received through Mr. W. T. Swingle, 1899, from Jardin d'Essai, Mustapha.

This shrub or small tree was recently introduced into Europe from Japan. It is perfectly hardy in France, grows in all kinds of soil, and produces an abundance of subacid fruits which make excellent tarts and preserves. It has also been used for making a sort of kirsch. It has fine evergreen foliage, and may be used for hedges. These Japanese gounis have been suggested as useful in planting in game preserves to furnish food for game birds. It is readily reproduced by cuttings, and fruits in three years.

**3207. PRUNUS PERSICA.****Peach.**

From Algeria. Received through Mr. W. T. Swingle, 1899.

This is a seedling peach, originated by M. Fontaine at Blidah. Said by M. Fontaine to be the earliest peach he knows. It is of the type of the *Amignon*, and is a freestone. This number includes one seedling tree.

**3208. EUGENIA GUABIJU.**

From Algeria. Received through Mr. W. T. Swingle, from the Jardin d'Essai, Mustapha.

This species is a native of Argentina, and is said by Dr. Trabut to produce good fruit.

**3209. MACHILUS TOMENTOSA?**

From Algeria. Received through Mr. W. T. Swingle, 1899, from the Jardin d'Essai, Mustapha. (See No. 3204.)

**3210. PUNICA GRANATA.****Pomegranate.**

From Algeria. Donated by Dr. Trabut, director of the experiment station at Rouïba.

*Grenadier sans pepins.* This is a seedless pomegranate, said to be one of the best sorts.

**3211. MURRAYA EXOTICA.**

From Algeria. Received through Mr. W. T. Swingle, 1899.

This shrub, belonging to the orange family, is spread throughout tropical Asia, the East Indies, and as far as New Zealand. It has beautiful evergreen foliage and fragrant white flowers. The leaves said to be used in the East as an ingredient of curry powders.