

which attracted their attention hundreds of yards away when found on the prairies of Brazil. It should be brought into cultivation because of its fragrant edible fruits.

*Aleurites montana* (No. 54703), the mu-oil tree of southern China, from which a part of the wood oil of commerce is derived, is a more tropical tree than the tung-oil tree (*A. fordii*) and may prove more productive in parts of Florida than the latter, which is being exploited there.

The Sumatra Casuarina (No. 54705) is a more attractive-looking tree than the ordinary Australian one, and if it proves as hardy and as rapid a grower it may take the place of this so-called Australian pine in southern Florida as a street tree.

The pink shower (*Cassia grandis*, No. 54706), although an exceedingly handsome tree 50 feet or more in height, with abundant clusters of deep-pink flowers which open in early spring, seems curiously enough never to have been naturalized in southern Florida. Its advent there may cause a sensation among amateur horticulturists.

A superb collection of 17 varieties of *Prunus mume* (Nos. 54709 to 54725) has been sent us by Prof. T. Onda for propagation and trial. It seems strange that so little has been done in America with these remarkable Japanese dooryard trees, especially when one considers their fragrance, their picturesque habit, and the exquisite varieties still in existence which were produced by the gardeners of the feudal days of Japan.

From Chiengmai, Siam, J. F. Rock, our agricultural explorer, sends in a quantity of seeds of another source of chaulmoogric acid, *Hydnocarpus anthelminthica* (No. 54726), which may prove more adaptable for cultivation than the true chaulmoogra tree, *Taraktogenos kurzii*.

*Rosa gentiana* (No. 54735) was first introduced by us several years ago for the use of the late Dr. Walter Van Fleet, and it has done remarkably well on his place at Bell, Md. When Doctor Van Fleet started for Florida last winter, he took with him a cutting from his bush, thinking that it would be particularly adapted to the South. After the doctor's death, Mrs. Van Fleet gave the slip to Mr. Simmonds, who reports that it is growing well at the Miami Garden.

*Danthonia setacea* (No. 54736) is one of the pasture grasses of Tasmania and New South Wales. The established value of these danthonias as pasture grasses in Australia makes them worthy of special trial in our own Southwest where, like so many of the introduced grasses, they may prove superior to our native species because of their resistance to drought.

The kangaroo grass of Australia (*Themeda australis*, No. 54737), though coarse, is liked by cattle and sheep. It may seed better in this country than in its native land and prove a valuable addition to southern pastures.

Mr. Popenoe's description of the pejibaye (*Guilielma utilis*, No. 54776) should appeal to horticulturists throughout the Tropics, for it describes a valuable food plant which appears to have been strangely overlooked by the inhabitants of the Tropics of South