

the flesh is beautifully rich and translucent; the variety is remarkable for even crops and gradual ripening, which means so much when the picking campaign is in progress. The peaches ripen toward the end of February and, as the name indicates, represent my choice for canning."

"We know the behavior of the clings generally in this State, and we find that they have a great tendency to be uneven in shape. Our own nurseryman states that *Goodman's Choice* is one of the best late peaches that he has come across, but as we have no growers for canneries around there we can not give an authoritative report from that point of view ourselves."

From G. W. Peart, manager for C. J. Goodman, Bairnsdale, Victoria, June 14, 1922: "The flesh of this peach is wonderfully rich for canning purposes, and the processed product is just as superior to other varieties in appearance as it is in taste. In quality it is superior to *Phillips Cling*. Canners in this State declare that they can obtain more dozens of high-grade quality canned peaches from a ton of *Goodman's Choice* than from any other variety. This means that canners pay higher prices for *Goodman's Choice*. The variety is a regular cropper and has never failed to set a good crop in 12 years except once when a record late frost ruined all the stone fruits in the district. Unlike *Phillips Cling*, all the fruits on the tree come up to first-class cannery requirements." In another letter, dated June 30, 1922, Mr. Peart says further: "This peach originated about 18 years ago in one of our canning peach orchards at Mossiface, Victoria. After careful testing, the late Charles J. Goodman planted 3,000 trees in 1910, and we commenced to sell trees in 1915. To-day I am selling more trees of this variety than of any other clingstone peach. Z. Akers, Shepparton Fruit Preserving Co., Shepparton, Victoria, has a block of 6-year-old *Goodman's Choice*, and he claims to have harvested an average crop of 3½ bushels of fruit per tree when the trees were just 4 years old."

From E. Meeking, Senior Fruit Inspector, Melbourne, Victoria, June 14, 1922: "The *Goodman's Choice* variety of peach is considered, in the opinion of those competent to judge, the best canning peach which has yet been produced. It is a good cropper, produces uniform fruits, is of excellent color and texture, and its flavor is considered superior to that of any other canning peach yet produced."

From L. J. Wicks, Highbury, South Australia, July 13, 1922: "As a canning fruit *Goodman's Choice* is certainly O. K. The texture is just right; it makes a rather pale sirup which, however, is remarkably clear."

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From Buitenzorg, Java. Seeds presented by Carl Hartley. Received October 11, 1922. Quoted notes by Mr. Hartley.

55832. *CITRUS NOBILIS DELICIOSA* (Ten.) Swingle. Rutaceæ.

Mandarin orange.

"A rather large, very loose-skinned mandarin orange grown in the highlands of western Java under the name *Djeroek Garoet*. The fruits from which these seeds were taken were juicy and of excellent flavor."

55833. *RUBUS FRAXINIFOLIUS* Poir. Rosaceæ.

"Collected at an altitude of about 3,500 feet on the Salak in western Java. The bush is often 2 meters high and very slightly thorny. The conical strawberry-red fruit, 2.5 centimeters long and 2 centimeters wide at the base, is inclined to be hollow and deficient in pulp, but it is not acid and the flavor is fairly good. The species may prove valuable in breeding work."

For previous introduction, see S. P. I. No. 31096.

55834. *DIOSCOREA* sp. Dioscoreaceæ.

Yam.

From China or Japan. Tuber presented by E. R. Sasser, Federal Horticultural Board. Secured by an inspector of the California State Department of Agriculture. Received October 2, 1922.

"Tuber long, slender, dark skinned, white fleshed, rather small. When cooked the flesh is firm, but fairly mealy and of very good flavor." (R. A. Young.)