

## 72992 to 73012—Continued.

72998. *ALBIZZIA BROWNEI* Walp. Mimosaceae.

No. 1128. Jala Jungle, Sierra Leone. January 20, 1927. An ornamental tropical tree, 30 feet high, with feathery foliage.

72999. *ALCHORNEA CORDIFOLIA* (Schum.) Muell. Arg. (*A. cordata* Benth.). Euphorbiaceae. Christmas bush.

No. 1131. Jala Jungle, Sierra Leone. January 20, 1927. The "Christmas bush," so called because of the long pendent spikes of brilliant red berries produced at Christmas time. It is a tropical ornamental shrub native to West Africa.

73000. *CASSIA BRASILIENSIS* Hort. Caesalpiniaceae.

No. 1205. Botanic Garden, Victoria, Cameroon. A small tropical tree with deep-green foliage and yellow flowers.

73001. *CHAETOCLOHA* sp. Poaceae. Grass.

No. 1208. Near Ekoua, Cameroon. February 18, 1927. An ornamental broad-leaved grass.

73002 and 73003. *CHRYSOPHYLLUM CAINITO* L. Sapotaceae. Calmito.

For previous introduction see No. 67532.

73002. No. 1161. Botanic Garden, Victoria, Cameroon. February 9, 1927. A white-fleshed variety of the star apple whose fruits attain a large size, 3½ inches in diameter.

73003. No. 1201. Buea, Cameroon. February 13, 1927. A purple-fleshed variety of the star apple. These seeds are from a fruit 4 inches in diameter.

73004. *CRACCA VOGELII* (Hook. f.) Kuntze (*Tephrosia vogelii* Hook. f.). Fabaceae.

No. 1184. Victoria, Cameroon. February 17, 1927. *Moom* or *Kassa*. A leguminous shrub with velvety leaves and pods which is used as fish poison. A dam is made in a stream, and the macerated branches of this bush are thrown into the water. Men then wade into the stream, stirring up the water, and after a few minutes the dead fish rise to the surface. The skin on the men is affected somewhat by the poison. The macerated leaves are also used to cure skin diseases of dogs and goats.

For previous introduction see No. 66250.

73005. *CROTALARIA RETUSA* L. Fabaceae.

No. 1160. Between Victoria and Bota, Cameroon. February 9, 1927. A tropical leguminous plant possibly resistant to salt spray.

73006. *CYCLANTHERA EXPLODENS* Naud. Cucurbitaceae.

No. 1204. Buea, Cameroon. February 12, 1927. A tropical American cucurbitaceous vine whose fleshy pods break open suddenly to scatter the seeds.

73007. *DRYMOPLHOEUS* sp. Phoenicaceae. Palm.

No. 1169. Botanic Garden, Victoria, Cameroon. February 10, 1927. A rather dwarf clump palm producing beautiful clusters of scarlet fruits which are half an inch long and have a sweetish taste.

73008 and 73009. *ELAeis GUINEENSIS* Jacq. Phoenicaceae. African oil palm.

73008. No. 1196. Victoria, Cameroon. February 17, 1927. A variety distinguished by having a large, thick-shelled seed with a thin but oily pericarp.

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73009. Nos. 1193 and 1197. February, 1927. Mixed seeds obtained near Victoria, Cameroon. The Cameroon name is *Isombe*.

73010. *ELEAOPHORBA DRUPIFERA* (Thonn.) Stapf. Euphorbiaceae.

No. 1155. Santa Isabel, Fernando Po Island, West Africa. A tropical fleshy-leaved tree 30 feet high which is drought resistant. It contains a large amount of latex and may be a source of rubber.

73011. *ERYTHRINA GLAUCA* Willd. Fabaceae. Coral tree.

No. 1168. Botanic Garden, Victoria, Cameroon. February 16, 1927. A stately tree from tropical America with large leaves and showy orange flowers.

73012. *FICUS* sp. Moraceae. Fig.

No. 1172. Cameroon Mountain. February 10, 1927. A large tropical tree with light-green leaves and an abundance of fruits in long clusters.

73013. *MAGNOLIA DELAVAYI* Franch. Magnoliaceae.

From Orleans, France. Plants presented by Léon Chénault. Received March 24, 1927.

An evergreen ornamental tree, up to 10 meters high, with dull-green oblong leaves growing to a length of 30 centimeters and white flowers 20 centimeters in diameter. Native to southwestern China.

73014 to 73027.

From West Africa. Seeds collected by David Fairchild, agricultural explorer, Bureau of Plant Industry, with the Allison V. Armour expedition. Received March, 1927.

73014 to 73018. *MEIBOMIA* spp. Fabaceae.

73014. *MEIBOMIA* sp.

No. 1166. Botanic garden, Victoria, Cameroon. February 10, 1927. An attractive blue-flowered species 3 feet high.

73015. *MEIBOMIA* sp.

No. 1175. Between Buea and Moyuca, Cameroon. February 12, 1927. A tall leafy plant which may prove useful as a cover plant.

73016. *MEIBOMIA* sp.

No. 1198. Between Buea and Signal Point, Cameroon. February 12, 1927. A species which looks promising as a cover plant.

73017. *MORINDA CITRIFOLIA* L. Rubiaceae. Indian mulberry.

No. 1177. Botanic garden, Victoria, Cameroon. February 10, 1927. An ornamental tropical shrub with large white juicy fruits.

For previous introduction see No. 36880.

73018. *OCIMUM VIRIDIFLORUM* Roth. Menthaeae.

No. 1167. A tropical herbaceous bushy perennial with an aromatic odor, producing small greenish flowers.

73019. *PENNISSETUM* sp. Poaceae. Grass.

No. 1209. February 17, 1927. A tall silvery bunch grass growing abundantly on the Cameroon Mountains near the timber line, at an altitude of about 9,000 feet.