

## 80780 to 80809—Continued.

**80803 and 80804. *Maktum*.** A medium to large, oblong, amber date with a mild flavor. It is late ripening and is of excellent quality. It is already well known in the southwestern United States, where there are a limited number of palms. The variety is widely distributed in Iraq, but is nowhere very abundant, existing largely as specimen palms for the use of garden owners rather than for commercial purposes.

**80803.** Obtained in Basra.

**80804.** Obtained in Mandali.

**80805. *Nabaty*.** A single offshoot brought in by one of the natives who assisted in packing at Basra and who said it was a very fine date. It is probably a seedling.

**80806. *Salany*.** Obtained in Mandali. A medium to large-sized reddish-brown date of fair quality.

**80807. *Shalany*.** A local variety obtained in Mandali.

**80808. *Sayer*.** Obtained in Basra. The commonest variety in southern Iraq, said to compose about 45 per cent of the total palm population. It is not generally regarded very highly in Iraq, but has certain qualities which

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make it desirable for testing in prospective date areas in the United States. It is very resistant to adverse conditions, survives drought better than any other variety, and is said to be less subject to insect attacks. In Iraq it is generally planted on the poorest soil, which may have something to do with the poor quality of the fruit obtained. The fruit is medium sized, oblong, deep red, cures well, and seems adapted to commercial handling.

**80809. *Red Maktum*.** Obtained in Mandali. An inferior seedling having no resemblance either in palm or in fruit to the real *Maktum* as far as could be observed. It is a medium-sized date of a dull reddish brown.

**80810. BUDDLEIA MACROSTACHYA**  
Benth. Loganiaceae.

From Gangtok, Sikkim, India. Seeds presented by the Sikkim Forest Manager. Received May 15, 1928. Numbered in June, 1929.

A tender shrub, 3 to 8 feet high, with white, woolly, oblong-lanceolate leaves up to 8 inches long and white flowers with an orange throat, in dense spikes 4 to 10 inches long. Native to the Himalayas.