

*Acrocomia fusiformis* (Swartz) Sweet. (Phoenicaceae.) 40881. Seeds of a palm from Santiago de las Vegas, Cuba. Presented by Mr. Juan T. Roig, Botanist, Cuban Agricultural Experiment Station. "*Macaw tree* of Jamaica, *Corozo de Jamaica* of Cuba. Trunk ten to thirty feet high, fusiform or swollen above the middle, armed with spines in rings. Leaves pinnate, petioles and rachis densely armed. Inflorescence enclosed in two spathes, inner complete, sparingly armed. Peduncles also armed with long black spines. Fruit depressed-globose, about one inch in diameter, smooth. Seed very hard, one-celled, foramina lateral. A remarkably strong fiber called *pita de corozo* is extracted from the rachis of the leaves of this palm, and is used in Cuba in the manufacture of brushes. This Palm has been erroneously referred to as *Acrocomia lasiospatha* by Martius and Grisebach." (C. P. Doyle.)

*Annona scleroderma* Safford. (Annonaceae.) 40835. Seeds of the "pox-té" from Cajabon, Guatemala. Presented by Mr. W. E. Curley at the request of Mr. O. F. Cook. Mr. Cook in his field-notes made the following entry: "The fruit called by the Kekchi Indians of Alta Verapaz *box-te* or *bosh-te*, is curious rather than beautiful. The shell is divided into angular depressed areoles by raised ridges. When mature the ridges are dark brown and the areoles between them green. The pulp is readily separable into slender pyramids. These are normally one-seeded, but in many cases they are seedless. The texture of the pulp is perfect, the flavor aromatic and delicious, with no unpleasant aftertaste. It is much richer than the soursop, with a suggestion of the flavor of the *zapote blanco*, or *matasano* (*Casimiroa edulis*), but not in the least objectionable. It can be eaten most conveniently with a spoon. The most fragrant pulp is close to the rind. The seeds separate from the surrounding pulp more readily than in most annona fruits."

*Bambos tulda* Roxb. (Poaceae.) 40886. Seeds of a bamboo from Calcutta, India. Presented by Mr. William Bembower, Collins, Ohio. "The common bamboo of Bengal, where it grows in great abundance everywhere, flowering in May. Not uncommon in the deciduous forests of Pegu, generally occupying lower and moister stretches of ground in company with *tinwa*, *Cephalostachyum pergracile*, the surrounding dry hills being covered with *Dendrocalamus strictus*." (Brandis.) "An evergreen or deciduous, caespitose, arboreous, gregarious bamboo. Culm green or glabrous when young, grey-green when older, sometimes streaked with yellow, 20 to 70