

not all ripen late, and only a few fruits hang on until February. At the present time there are fruits in various stages of growth upon the tree, some almost fully grown, others still quite small. Joaquin Wilson claims that he has picked ripe fruit from this tree during a large portion of the year. It does not appear to be a very heavy bearer, however. For trial at Miami, Florida." (Popenoe.) 40981. "Placetas, Santa Clara Province. *Merced avocado*. The latest variety growing in the Quinta Aguas Azules of Dona Serafina Wilson, Viuda de Bartlett, at Guadalupe, about 15 miles from Placetas. The fruit is said to remain on the tree until February. It is broadly pyriform, very similar to *Pollock* in shape, but probably not over one pound in weight, judging by its present size. The color when ripe is said to be green, and the quality excellent. The tree is old and in poor condition; it is not bearing a good crop this season, but might fruit more heavily under favorable conditions. For trial in south Florida." (Popenoe.) 40982. "Placetas, Santa Clara Province. *Wilson avocado*. A late variety, said to be of unusually good quality, from the Quinta of Sr. Joaquin Wilson at Guadalupe, about 15 miles from Placetas. This is a rather small fruit, probably not over 8 to 10 ounces in weight, round to very broadly oval in form, usually somewhat oblique at the apical end. The color, when ripe, is said to be very light green. The skin is two mm. in thickness. The flesh is perfectly free from fiber, and said to be of unusually fine texture and rich flavor. The seed is very small in proportion to the size of the fruit. According to Sr. Wilson, after whom the variety is named, it ripens about Christmas. The tree is carrying an excellent crop and seems to be all that could be desired in regard to productiveness. While rather small in size, this seems to be a valuable fruit, and should be tried in southern Florida." (Popenoe.)

*Phaseolus lunatus* L. (Fabaceae.) 40925. Seeds from Marseilles, France. Presented by Dr. E. Heckel, Director, Colonial Museum. "*Kalamaka* of the Malagasies. Cape beans have taken the second place among the agricultural products of Madagascar in exportation. In commerce, this large bean bears different names, *haricot d'Orleans*, *haricot de Lima*, *de Parague*, etc. It has been known in Madagascar for a very long time, and it is mentioned in the accounts of voyages before the 17th century. Its culture is practiced almost exclusively in the provinces of Tulèar and Morondava, situated at the southwest of the island. The alluvial soils of the deltas of this region suit it admira-