

Nannorhops ritchiana (Griff.) Wendland. (Phoeniceae.) 44773. Seeds of **Mazri palm** from Saharanpur, India. Presented by Mr. A. C. Hartless, Superintendent, Government Botanical Gardens. A low, gregarious shrub, usually stemless, but sometimes with a stem 10 to 20 feet in length. The leaves, which are 2 to 4 feet long, and of a grayish green color, are beaten with mallets to remove the fiber which is used in making mats, baskets, etc. The fruit is a nearly round, 1-seeded drupe. The reddish brown wool of the petioles is impregnated with saltpeter and used as a tinder for match-locks. This palm is a native of Baluchistan and Mekran, where it ascends to 5500 feet. In Europe it grows best in a well drained sandy loam, and is propagated by seeds and offsets. (Adapted from E. Blatter, Journal Bombay Natural History Society, vol. 21, p. 72-76.)

Olea europaea L. (Oleaceae.) 44709. **Olive plant** from Cairo, Egypt. Presented by Mr. Thomas W. Brown, Director, Horticultural Division, Giza Branch, Ministry of Agriculture. **Tafari.** Though reputed as only moderately productive the large size and fine appearance of the **Tafari**, or apple olive, cause it to be in great demand throughout the Egyptian delta. As the flesh is very soft and buttery when fully ripe it is marketed about November 1st, when first beginning to color. At present no oil is manufactured from the Fayum olives, but in one of the villages stones of ancient oil mills were seen of beautiful red Assuan granite, and no doubt of Roman origin. Their purpose was unknown to the present inhabitants. From this it may be conjectured that the present olive trees of Fayum, as well as those of Dakhla Oasis, have come down from the time of the Roman occupation during the first century A. D." (S. C. Mason.)

Pandanus rockii Martelli. (Pandanaeae.) 44780. Plants of **screw-pine** from Honolulu, Hawaii. Presented by Mr. Joseph F. Rock, Botanist, College of Hawaii. A slender, erect tree, 8 to 10 m. (26 to 33 feet) in height, with bright green leaves; and large, wedge-shaped fruits, 8 cm. (3 inches) long and 6 cm. (2 2/5 inches) broad at the apex. It was originally collected on Helei Islet, Palmyra Island, in July, 1913. (Adapted from Bulletin No. 4, College of Hawaii Publications, p. 42, 1916.)

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