

Solanum sp. (Solanaceae.) 44800. Seeds from Venezuela. Presented by Mr. Henry Pittier. "An herbaceous, trailing plant, bearing edible fruits; desirable for cultivation in cool, shady places in a mild climate." (Pittier.)

Ziziphus mucronata Willdenow. (Rhamnaceae.) 44748. Seeds from Kartoum North, Sudan, Africa. Presented by the Principal, Central Research Farm, Education Department, Sudan Government. A tree, 15 to 30 feet tall, with alternate, crenate or serrate leaves, up to 3 inches long; spine-like stipules; and small, greenish flowers in axillary cymes, up to an inch in length. The numerous dark red, globose fruits, about one-half inch in diameter, are edible, and are believed to be the lotus mentioned by Mungo Park as being used for making into bread, which tastes like gingerbread. A paste made of the leaves, and a decoction of the root are used medicinally; the wood is tough and is used for yoke-keys; and the seeds are used for making rosaries. It is a native of tropical and southern Africa. Arabic name **Siddir** or **nabbak**. (Adapted from T. R. Sim, Forest Flora of Cape Colony p. 177, 178, and from Kew Bulletin Miscellaneous Information, Additional Series 9, Part 1, p. 162, 1908.)

Notes from Correspondents abroad.

Mr. Wilson Popenoe writes from Guatemala City, Guatemala, November 6, 1917:

"I am forwarding this week, via the pouch, my number 195, being 100 scions and budsticks of avocado No. 32, from the property of Eulogia Duarte, near Amatitlan, and my number 196, cuttings of *Malpighia* sp. the "azerola" from Amatitlan.

"This avocado, No. 32, (named **Akbal**) is a variety which I have had under observation for several months, and which I have been counting upon to complete my set. It is a very early variety. Previous to obtaining this number the set has included no very early forms, the best probably being No. 6, from Antigua, which is two to three months earlier than the majority of varieties in that region. No. 32 appears to be an aberrant type which ripens at Amatitlan in September, while the majority of varieties in the same region do not ripen until January or February. I have found

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