

related to the Rhodes grass, and *Panicum distachyon* (No. 41746) which ranks as one of the best of the indigenous grasses of northern Australia.

The true tropical yams (*Dioscorea spp.*) have grown so well in Florida, and the quality of their tubers is so excellent that the introduction from Panama by Mr. O. W. Barrett of three selected strains (Nos. 42052 to 42054) is of special interest.

A palm, *Chamaedorea tepejilote* (No. 41705), the inflorescence of which forms a regular source of excellent food in the Vera Cruz province of Mexico, according to Dr. C. A. Purpus, and which will grow on sandy soil, might accommodate itself to conditions in Florida. And a tall-growing variety of the ordinary bean, the Tawana or Taguana (No. 42049), which climbs 15 to 20 meters into the tops of the high trees in Paraguay and which produces heavy crops of beans, will be interesting to bean growers even though it may not be a valuable acquisition.

The existence in Dominica of an indigenous walnut, *Juglans domingensis* (No. 41930), related to our black walnut, will interest those engaged in the hybridization of the species of *Juglans*; and the gathering together for propagation and distribution by Mr. C. A. Reed of the hardiest and best seedlings of the Persian or English walnut, *Juglans regia* (Nos. 42022 and 42023, and Nos. 42041 to 42044), from New York State and Canada, cannot fail to attract attention to the neglect which horticulturists of our Eastern States have shown to the possibilities of walnut culture on this side of the Rockies.

The Queensland nut, or *Macadamia* (No. 41808), has grown and fruited so well in California and Florida and its nuts are so delicious that it is a wonder more has not been done with it, - especially in Hawaii where trees were planted 30 years ago and where they have borne good crops, according to Mr. C. S. Judd of the Board of Commissioners of Agriculture, who sends in a quantity of seeds.

Although it is extremely doubtful if the Tanguatian almond, *Amygdalus tangutica* (Nos. 41708 and 41709), can be used as a stock for the almonds, it should certainly be hybridized with the ordinary almond, if possible, and the production of a bush almond at least attempted. The large amount of seeds sent in by Rev. C. F. Snyder from Kansu may bring this hybrid about.

Although in quality American varieties of the peach lead the world, there are yet possibly to be