

thin, light greenish yellow skin. It is cut open and eaten with a spoon, there being no core, though many seeds. The flavor is very sugary and fine." (Wolcott.)

Botor tetragonoloba (Fabaceae), 45928. **Goa bean.** From Los Banos, P. I. Presented by the College of Agriculture. An annual twining vine with loose-flowered racemes of large light blue flowers, followed by square pods having a wing one-fourth of an inch broad on each angle. Grown in tropical and subtropical regions for the young tubers which are eaten raw or cooked, and for the young pods which are used like string beans. (Adapted from Bailey, Standard Cyclopedia of Horticulture, vol. 5, p. 2849.)

Calyptrocalyx spicatus (Phoenicaceae), 45957. **Palm.** From near Kandy, Ceylon. Secured by Mr. George F. Mitchell, Treasury Department, D. C., at the Peradeniya Botanical Gardens. This stately palm, native of Amboina and other islands of the Moluccan group, attains a height of 40 feet. The pinnate leaves have valvate leaflets with reflexed margins; the flowers, arranged on long spikelike spadices, produce orange-colored, one-seeded fruits. The wood is used for timber and the seeds serve as a substitute for betel-nuts. (Adapted from Gardeners' Chronicle, June, 1870, p. 765.)

Cydonia oblonga (Malaceae), 45889. **Quince.** From Murdock, Kansas. Presented by Mr. J. W. Riggs, Experiment Grounds. Scions from trees of a variety sent to the Office of Foreign Seed and Plant Introduction by Professor N. E. Hansen from Samarkand, Russian Turkestan, May 24, 1898, and given S. P. I. No. 1123. Mr. Riggs states that this variety has yielded fine fruit at Murdock when trees of standard quince varieties have not borne any fruit. The tree is hardy, not being injured in that section of Kansas by drought and heat. Scions grafted on apple stocks.

Cymbopogon martini (Poaceae), 45966. **Rusa-oil grass.** From Dehra Dun, U. P., India. Presented by Mr. R. S. Hole, Forest Botanist, Forest Research Institute and College. A stout perennial grass found in northern India. It grows to a height of 6 feet and has long, perfectly smooth leaves of a soft, delicate texture and a rich green color. The slender panicles, 8 to 12 inches long, turn to a bright reddish brown color in ripening. The distinction between the two kinds of