

arrangement of the leaflets is peculiar to the genus *Dypsis*, not being found in any other pinnate-leaved palms. (Adapted from Gardeners' Chronicle, New Series, vol. 24, p. 394.)

Ipomea batatas (Convolvulaceae), 45971. **Sweet potato.** From Tolga, Queensland, Australia. Presented by Mr. J. A. Hamilton. "General Grant sweet potato, which to our fancy is the best variety for the table. As a rule the vines do not run very much. (Hamilton.)

Lagenaria vulgaris (Cucurbitaceae), 45904. **Gourd.** From Japan. Presented by Dr. L. H. Bailey, Ithaca, New York, who secured them from Governor H. Hiratsuka, Utsunomiya, Japan. "The largest gourd utensils I ever saw were at Utsunomiya, Japan. I asked for seeds of them and have received a packet from Governor H. Hiratsuka of the prefecture. I am sending you some of these seeds thinking that possibly you would like to have them grown at your Maryland or Florida Stations, where the season will probably allow them to mature. I should think that some of the gourds I saw in the market in Japan would hold at least a peck." (Bailey.)

Latania commersonii (Phoenicaceae), 45960. **Palm.** From near Kandy, Ceylon. Secured by Mr. George F. Mitchell, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C., at the Peradeniya Botanical Gardens. An unarmed palm from Mauritius, having leaves with petioles 4 to 6 feet long, the fan-shaped blades being about 5 feet in diameter and divided into lanceolate, acuminate segments, 2 feet long by 3 inches wide. It is a particularly striking palm, the long smooth petioles and the ribs of the fanlike leaves being colored a bright crimson which is especially brilliant in the young foliage. (Adapted from Bailey, Standard Cyclopaedia of Horticulture, vol. 4, p. 1824.)

Magnolia globosa (Magnoliaceae), 45964. From Darjeeling, India. Secured by Mr. George F. Mitchell, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C., at the Lloyd Botanic Garden. "From Lloyd Botanic Garden, Darjeeling. Found at 10,000 feet elevation and requires a moist climate." (Mitchell.) A small tree with brown branches and ovate deciduous leaves 9 inches long by 6 inches wide. The globose flower buds, which appear with the young leaves, are about 2 inches in diameter and open