

said to be the equal of coconut oil and suitable for the manufacture of similar products. The palm is said to grow in great abundance in the vicinity of Mazatlan, Sinoloa, Mexico. The kernels are exported in considerable quantities from Mazatlan to Pacific ports of the United States for oil extractions." (C. B. Doyle.)

Elaeis guineensis (Phoenicaceae), 46297. **Palm.** From Buitenzorg, Java. Presented by the Chief of the Division of Plant Breeding, Department of Agriculture. "We received this variety from the Belgian Congo in 1914 under the name of **Nsombo B.** The imported seeds were taken from one seed bearer. The plants raised from these seeds were planted out in May, 1915, on a rubber estate, where no other oil palms were near so that they could only fertilize each other. They are now commencing to bear fruit. We can not yet determine the value of the new variety from a commercial point of view." (I. Boldingh.)

Eleusine coracana (Poaceae), 46295. **Ragi millet.** From Beira, Mozambique. Presented by Mr. Wm. Humphreys, Acting Director of Agriculture. "Ragi millet is the only variety grown in this territory. It is grown only by natives for food purposes and, with the exception of pearl millet (*Pennisetum glaucum*), is practically the only millet grown here." (Humphreys.)

Lawsonia inermis (Lythraceae), 46241. From Nice, France. Presented by Dr. A. Robertson Proschowsky. An interesting shrub commonly known as Henna Camphire, Cypress shrub or Egyptian Privet, grown throughout India, Persia, Syria, and northern Africa where its powdered leaves are used as a hair dye and as a cosmetic. It imparts a reddish orange color. Plants attain a height of 8 or 10 feet, and bear smooth, oval or lance-shaped, entire leaves, and panicles of small, white, sweetly scented flowers which are used in perfumery. This species is reported as being a very useful and ornamental hedge plant. (Adapted from Watt, Economic Products of India.)

Murraya caloxylon (Rutaceae), 46294. **Katinga.** From Manila, Philippine Islands. Presented by Mr. E. D. Merrill, Bureau of Science, Manila. "A short time ago I received two fruits of this species from Mr. Burkill in Singapore. I am sending you seeds from one of these fruits and I trust that they may reach you