

calyces of the two forms belonging to the **altissima**, they have no culinary value. However, their habit of growth is favorable to the production of a long fiber; and, according to Mr. M. M. Saleeby, chief of the fiber division of this Bureau, the two forms of this variety are far superior to jute and to all other varieties of **roselle** (including four from India) in habit, growth, and yield. As yet, the problem of utilization of the fiber of the **altissima** has not been carefully studied, but it is apparently suitable for all uses for which jute fiber is now employed." (Wester, Philippine Agricultural Review, June, 1914, p. 268.)

Ipomoea batatas (Convolvulaceae), 47432 & 47433. **Sweet potato.** From Mayaguez, Porto Rico. Tubers presented by Mr. T. B. McClelland, horticulturist, Porto Rico Agricultural Experiment Station. "Tubers of two varieties of the mamey type of sweet potato from the eastern part of the island. The donor distinguishes these as **mameyona** or 'large mamey' and **mameyita** or 'small mamey.' He prefers the **mameyita**, if it is eaten immediately after digging, but says that the **mameyona**, if kept for a week, has the better flavor. However that may be, both belong to the best type of Porto Rican [sweet] potato." (McClelland.)

Lithocarpus cornea (Fagaceae), 47365. From Hongkong, China. Seeds purchased from Mr. W. J. Tatcher, superintendent, Botanical & Forestry Department. "An oaklike tree with oblong, sharp-pointed evergreen leaves 2 to 4 inches long, which are smooth and green on the under side,- interesting particularly as bearing acorns as hard shelled as the nuts of the American hickory and which contain a kernel almost as sweet as the sweetest Spanish chestnut. Said to be a very showy ornamental as grown on the island of Hongkong. Young trees of this species grown from previous introduction are now growing at the following places in this country: Mitchell Station, Ala.; Los Angeles, Los Molinos, Pomona, and San Gabriel, Cal.; Merritt, Miami, Panasoffkee, and Ritta, Fla.; Pineville, Ky.; Landon, Miss.; Hope, N.M.; Sulphur, Okla.; Raywood, Tex.; and Salt Lake City, Utah." (Fairchild.) See Inventory No. 35, Pl. No. VI, for photograph of this tree.

Mammea americana (Clusiaceae), 47425. **Mamey.** From Guayaquil, Ecuador. Seeds presented by Mr. Frederic W. Goding, American consul general. "From the injured