

Method of Discriminating Fresh from Old Bamboos
and Good from Bad Ones.

"Fresh bamboo shoots are much stronger in yellow color than old ones, and new ones impart stronger smell. Fresh ones, after they are boiled, obtain much stronger bitterness and astringency; old ones emit whitish powder and get considerably deprived of yellow color. Fresh ones are distinctly yellow, and soft and pleasant to the touch.

"Bamboo shoots of superior quality are obtainable only from those of the earliest season."

Dodonaea viscosa (Sapindaceae), S. P. I. No. 36813, illustrated by Plate No. 246 of this Bulletin, was introduced from New Zealand, by the Department of Agriculture, in February, 1905. There have been subsequent introductions, from the Sudan, the Philippines, and Australia. Fourteen hundred plants, under the above introduction number, were distributed in 1915, from the Yarrow Plant Introduction Field Station, near Rockville, Md., to experimenters living in Florida, California, Texas, New Mexico, Alabama, and Porto Rico. The following year reports were received on about 700 of these plants; only 245 of them were then living. Nearly all of the plants which were well established survived light frosts the first winter, and although the tips of the foliage were browned by a temperature of 28°F., the plants soon recovered. The plants did equally well on bottom land and upland. In spite of the large loss of plants the first year, this species gives promise of distinct value for hedge use in the southern parts of California and Florida.