



**TROPICAL COMBRETUM RECOVERING FROM THE FREEZE IN FLORIDA. (COMBRETUM COMOSUM. SEE S. P. I. NO. 28288.)**

This extremely ornamental flowering shrub in its native home, Mauritius, is never subjected to frost. Its behavior in Miami, Fla., under a temperature of 26.5° F. was remarkable. Its leaves, normally bright green, turned ashen gray within 48 hours, and it was apparently quite dead, but in a month's time it had sent out the new shoots shown in this illustration. Resistance to frost is shown in a variety of ways by strictly tropical vegetation. (Photographed by Mr. David Fairchild at Miami, Fla., March 9, 1917; P20475FS.)