

R. Mason & Son, through Mr. William W. Masterson, American consul. "A kind of garden rhubarb that is grown here, which will be a valuable introduction if similar results can be obtained with it in America. This rhubarb comes on in the early spring (October), - a tender and crisp plant that is used extensively for the table as it is with us; but, unlike our rhubarb, which soon becomes fibrous and tough, this rhubarb lasts about seven months and is as good during that time as when it first came on the market in the spring. I do not know whether this difference is caused by the climate, soil, or other local reasons, or whether it is another kind of rhubarb. I only know it is delicious, is invariably good and tender, and lasts over half the year." (Masterson.)

*Saccharum officinarum* (Poaceae), 47995. **Sugar cane.** From St. Croix, Virgin Islands. Cuttings presented by Dr. Longfield Smith, Agricultural Experiment Station. "'S. C. - 12/4.'" We are getting splendid results here with our cane 'S. C. - 12/4.'" We now have over 100 acres planted in this island. Plantations which have trial areas report from 25 per cent up to 90 per cent more sugar per acre than from standard cane." (Smith.)

For previous introduction and description, see S. P. I. No. 45513, Plant Immigrants, No. 141, January, 1918, p. 1270.

#### Notes on Behavior of Previous Introductions.

The following is an extract from a report, dated November 5, 1918, from Mrs. L. B. Grando, Montgomery, Ala.:

You sent me four seed chayotes (*Chayota edulis*) last spring and I planted them. Only two of the vines matured; on one there are some ninety-odd nearly mature chayotes, and the other has only ten ripe ones on it. My vines are bearing fruits almost twice as large as those sent from Florida and are now covered with blossoms and young fruits. These vines had very little attention this summer, except that I mulched them rather heavily before I left home for a month. They are the wonder of every one who has seen them; and the fruits are in great demand for seed. [See Plates 249 and 250.]