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Prosopis dulcis (Mimosaceae), 50096. From La Plata, Argentina. Seeds presented by Dr. Carlos Spegazzini. A thorny tree, 60 feet high, with very deep roots, adapted for live fences. The hard, strong, durable wood, when polished, resembles mahogany. The sweetish pods, which are rich in protein, grape-sugar, starch, pectin, potash, lime, and phosphoric acid, are used for cattle fodder, and even for human food; a sparkling drink called "aloja" is made from the pods. The bark, leaves, and pods yield tannin. (Adapted from Mueller, Select Extra-Tropical Plants, p. 421.)

Trichosanthes quinquangulata (Cucurbitaceae), 49858. From Littleriver, Fla. Seeds presented by Mr. J. J. Soar, Littleriver Nurseries, through Dr. David Fairchild. "These seeds were given to me by Mr. Soar, who says that the plant came from the Philippines. It is the showiest gourd I have ever seen, being a bright red, - as red as the reddest apple. As a decorative plant it should be very valuable, and the fruits would make the prettiest kind of decorations for Christmas trees." (Fairchild.)

For previous introduction see S. P. I. No. 46642, Plant Immigrants, No. 151, November, 1918, p. 1374.

Notes from Correspondents.

The following account of the Trinidad dasheen (*Colocasia esculenta*), S. P. I. No. 15395, is excerpted from the 1918 report of the director of the Botanic Gardens, Sydney, New South Wales:

"In April, 1917, eight pounds of dasheen tubers were received from Washington. Of these, thirty-six sound tubers, averaging 3 ounces each, were selected and kept in a dry place like Dahlia tubers until the middle of August, when they were started into growth in a cold frame facing north. In the middle of September they were planted in rows 4 feet apart and 2 feet apart in the row, in soil manured at the rate of 40 tons per acre with rotted stable dung. They matured in June, 1918, and when dug, without disease or rot, weighed 182 pounds, two-thirds being of a culinary size, and the remainder offsets suitable for planting. This proved that the vegetable can be grown in one season, taking eight or nine months to mature.