

bulbs will flower in less than half the time required to force *Lilium longiflorum*. (Adapted from Gardeners' Chronicle, 3d ser., vol.36, p. 210.)

For previous introduction see S. P. I. No. 45570, Plant Immigrants, No. 140, December, 1917, p.1259.

Prosopis vitaliana (Mimosaceae), 50381. **Aroma**. From Lamao, Bataan, Philippine Islands. Seeds presented by Mr. P. J. Wester, Lamao Horticultural Station, Manila Bureau of Agriculture. "A tall, spiny shrub of rapid growth and with long, arching branches, found growing on the beach. The plant grows luxuriantly on poor sandy land and is of fair value as a sand binder. Properly trimmed it is an attractive ornamental shrub that should be of value in extreme South Florida. If sufficiently hardy it would make a pretty good live fence." (Wester.)

Rubus sp. (Rosaceae), 50328. **Blackberry**. From Pancajche, Alta Verapaz, Guatemala. Seeds presented by Mr. Harry Johnson. "This blackberry was collected at Tactic, Alta Verapaz, at an altitude of 5,000 to 6,000 feet. A remarkably fruitful blackberry of vigorous growth, with canes up to an inch in diameter and sharp, hooked spines which are not very numerous. The fruits, which are borne in big terminal clusters of 15 to 35 berries, are of good flavor, and rather long. The seeds are not objectionable as in so many cultivated varieties." (Johnson.)

Rubus veitchii (Rosaceae), 50304. From Kew, England. Seeds presented by Sir David Prain, director, Royal Botanic Garden. One of the handsomest of all the Chinese brambles. The plants grow to a height of 6 to 7 feet, have blue-white stems and attractive much-divided fernlike foliage. At first erect, the stems become gracefully drooping with age. Both stems and petioles are very spiny. The pinnate leaves are dark green above and white beneath. The purple flowers are borne in small terminal panicles; the blue-black fruits are of moderate size. (Adapted from Gardeners' Chronicle, 3d ser., vol. 51, p. 148.)

Saccharum officinarum (Poaceae), 50375. **Sugar cane**. From Coimbatore, South India. Cuttings presented by Mr. T. S. Venkatraman, Agricultural College. "'Velai.' A very good cane analyzing on the average 17 per cent sucrose and sometimes even 19 per cent." (Venkatraman.)