

planted just as received but have never come up.

"According to Beccari, *The Palms Indigenous to Cuba*, p. 367, this is identical with *Acrocomia aculeata*, the commonest form of the genus in Cuba, whose seeds, I am told, are eagerly devoured by hogs. All three of the species in my grounds are quite hardy,— none were injured to any extent during the very severe freeze of February 3, 1917.

"So far, I know of no insect or disease which troubles the *Acrocomias* in Florida. Certainly no person or domestic animal would trouble them for they are armed in every part of the trunks and petioles with long, villainous spines. However, they are stately, elegant palms and are not only ornamental but probably would be found useful if extensively cultivated in Florida.

"In Cuba, where 2 species (*A. crispa* and *A. aculeata*) grow somewhat sparingly, they bear abundant crops of large seeds, often coming up in pastures and cultivated fields. I see no reason why the 4 species I have mentioned might not be successfully grown in Lower Florida, as they flourish on poor pine land, and no doubt would do well on hammock; they grow very rapidly, with little fertilizer or care and would doubtless prove generally hardy." (Simpson.)

Notes on Behavior of Previous Introductions.

Interesting reports on the Methley plum, *Prunus salicina* x *cerasifera myrobalana*, have been received recently.

On June 28, 1920, Mr. J. S. Armstrong, Armstrong Nurseries, Ontario, Calif., states:

"Some years ago the Department sent us the Methley plum, S.P.I. No. 31652. This plum is fruiting splendidly and is of very good quality, although it is not as large as the 'Santa Rosa.' This may be due to its over-bearing. We have the trees in our test orchard and are planning to propagate from it. It ripened here this year from June 20 to July 1."

Mr. J. F. Keltch, of Brayton, Tenn., writes, July 7, 1920:

"I am sending you some of the fruit of my Methley plum, S.P.I. No 31652. We think they are fine. They are the best plums in this country, and are extremely popular. My tree is healthy and is growing well. I believe I could sell 500 trees if I had them."