

*Miscanthus condensatus* (Poaceae), 52383. **Grass.** From Yokohama, Japan. Seeds presented by Mr. Iida, manager, Yokohama Nursery Co. "A grass, native to Hachijo Island, of an evergreen (also at the latitude of Tokyo) and tender nature, and with a wider blade and thicker stalk than is found in our common *Miscanthus* (*M. sinensis*). It is extensively cultivated as fodder; cattle like it better than corn stalks; and the excellent quality of the milk products of the Island is said to be due to this grass." (Iida.)

*Oryza sativa* (Poaceae), 52439. **Rice.** From Bangkok, Siam. Seeds collected by Mr. J. F. Rock, agricultural explorer. "'Blackrice,' much liked as a breakfast food by the Europeans in Chiengmai. When boiled it is deep purple, and has a very fine nutty flavor, quite unlike that of the ordinary rice. It is cultivated exactly like the other rice. The leaves, stalks, etc. are all black, and a field of black rice stands out plainly among the ordinary rice fields. I think that it can be developed as a breakfast food in the States." (Rock.)

*Pterocarpus macrocarpus* (Fabaceae), 52390. From Korat, Siam. Seeds collected by Mr. J. F. Rock, agricultural explorer. "The 'Mai Padou,' one of the finest timber trees of Korat. It grows to a height of 150 feet with a girth of 10 feet 4 feet above the ground. All the wood, or nearly all, is bought by Japan; it is very hard and splendidly adapted for furniture and also for construction work." (Rock.)

*Quercus junghuhnii* (Fagaceae), 52440. **Oak.** From Bangkok, Siam. Seeds collected by Mr. J. F. Rock, agricultural explorer. "An oak with edible acorns greatly liked by the Lao people. The acorns are produced in enormous quantities closely packed on long spikes. The acorns must be planted on well-drained slopes, and can stand a dry climate. They would grow well in Southern California and also in Florida. The wood is very valuable." (Rock.)

*Rheedia madruno* (Clusiaceae), 52301. From Cali, Valle, Colombia. Seeds collected by Wilson Popenoe, agricultural explorer. "No. 528. From the Hacienda Manuelita, near Palmira. This is a common tree, both wild and cultivated, in the Cauca Valley, and a favorite fruit. It occurs at altitudes of 3,000 to 4,000