

**TUMBOA BAINESII.** 25436. Seeds from German Southwest Africa. Presented by Prof. J. Burt Davy. Received May 1. "A peculiar and rare monotypic plant of the deserts of German Southwest Africa. The short stem produces at its swollen apex, besides the cotyledons, in its entire lifetime only a single pair of yard long, ribbon-like leaves, between which are borne the cone-like inflorescences. The plant represents in its development (like *Gnetum*. See No. 19093) a transition stage between the lower Gymnosperms like the pines and the Angiosperms or flowering plants. (Fischer.) For propagation; plants available later.

**VIGNA UNGUICULATA.** From New Orleans, La. Purchased from the J. Steckler Seed Co. Received April 29. "This variety which is really a mixture of varieties is naturalized in parts of Louisiana where it volunteers from year to year. It has been grown at Arlington Farm, Virginia, for the past three years and proves to be a tall, upright quite leafy, late variety. Too late for this latitude but would probably be a valuable variety for Florida, where lateness is desired." (C. V. Piper.)

NOTES FROM FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS.

**ALGERIA,** Lambese. A. Clave, May 28. In a month will send seeds of *Medicago sativa*, *M. getula* and *M. tunetana*. In the fall will send *Pyrus longipes*.

**ARGENTINA,** Buenos Aires. Chas. D. Girola, April 12. Is sending *schinopsis balansae* (Quebracho blanco) seed, the famous tannin tree of the Argentine.

**AUSTRALIA,** Brisbane. Ernest G. Scriven, April 20. Is sending *Citrus australis* and *C. australasica* var. *sanguinea*, the finger lime. Will try to get *C. inodora* (the north Queensland lime) and the *Atalantia glauca*. For experiments by the Office of Plant Life History Investigations.