

buttons used on ladies' coats. Much larger buttons can be made from this nut than from the South American 'Ivory nut' (*Phytelephas macrocarpa*), and the buttons are also more expensive because there are fewer trees of *Coelococcus*." (C.B. Doyle.)

Crinodendron patagua (Elaeocarpaceae), 54628. **Patagua.** From Santiago, Chile. Plants presented by Señor don Salvador Izquierdo, through Mr. Wilson Popenoe, Agricultural Explorer. "(No. 672. Santa Ines, Chile.) 'Patagua.' A Chilean tree which grows well in swampy regions. It has small, bell-shaped, white, fragrant flowers, which give it value as an ornamental. The wood is used for cabinetmaking and the bark for tanning. Introduced at the request of Dr. F.V. Coville, of this Bureau." (Popenoe.)

Cryptocarya rubra (Lauraceae), 54629. From Santiago, Chile. Plants presented by Señor don Salvador Izquierdo, through Mr. Wilson Popenoe, Agricultural Explorer. "(No. 667. Santa Ines, Chile.) 'Peumo.' One of the handsomest of the native Chilean ornamental trees. It is rather small and erect, and in character of foliage somewhat suggests the live oak of southern California. In autumn it bears a profusion of red fruits, the size of olives, which greatly add to its decorative value. The fruits have a thin layer of pulp surrounding a large seed, and are eaten when cooked. They are not, however, of much value. The species is one which should be tried in our Southwest." (Popenoe.)

Dioscorea japonica (Dioscoreaceae), 54499. **Japanese yam.** From Hereford, England. Bulbils presented by Dr. H.E. Durham. "'Japanese round yam.' This yam seems, so far as one can see from a single season's trial, to be the most promising variety I have yet tested. It grows more freely and regularly than the round 'Upeh.' The rate of growth, both being in a cool house, was about double that of the 'Chappellier.'" (Durham.)

Fragaria chiloensis (Rosaceae), 54630 and 54631. **Chilean strawberry.** From Santiago, Chile. Plants presented by Señor don Salvador Izquierdo, through Mr. Wilson Popenoe, Agricultural Explorer.

54630. "(No. 653. Santa Ines, Chile.) 'Frutilla roja,' or red-fruited Chilean strawberry. This is a selected strain of the common Chilean strawberry, said to produce fruits of large size and good quality. It