

will be of interest to strawberry breeders in the United States, and in addition it is worthy of trial in our southwestern states. While the fruit of *Fragaria chiloensis* is inferior in flavor to that of our best cultivated strawberries, it is remarkable for its excellent shipping and keeping qualities; and it seems that varieties might be produced by selection which would merit cultivation on a commercial scale.

"The berry is much used for canning and preserving. It is also eaten fresh. It is a curious circumstance that this species of strawberry, whose fruits are commonly an inch to an inch and a half long, should be called, in Chile, Peru, and Ecuador, 'frutilla' (little fruit), while the much smaller fruit of *F. vesca* - rarely over half an inch long - is termed 'fresa' or strawberry. This last-named species is cultivated commercially at Quillota, Chile, whence the fruit, which ripens earlier than that of *F. chiloensis*, is sent to the markets of Santiago.

"As far as I can ascertain by careful examination of the plants and berries, the 'frutillas' of Chile, Peru, and Ecuador, are of the same species. Neither in Peru nor in Chile, however, do the plants bear all through the year as they do on the sandy plains near Ambato, Ecuador. I suspect the difference in climatic conditions is the cause of this: on the equator there are no well-defined seasons, and the plants remain active throughout the year; while here in Chile the seasons are fairly well defined, and vegetative activity ceases during a part of each year, as in the United States. The ripening season of *F. chiloensis* in the highlands of southern Peru and central Chile seems to extend, approximately, from the latter part of October to January." (Popenoe.)

54631. "(No. 654. Santa Ines, Chile.) 'Frutilla blanca de Chile,' or white Chilean strawberry. This strawberry differs from S.P.I. No. 54630 in the color of its fruits, which are of a much lighter shade of red than those of the latter. It does not seem to be nearly so well known or so extensively grown in Chile as the common red variety, but it is recommended by Señor Izquierdo as a large handsome fruit, highly flavored. It will be of interest to our strawberry breeders." (Popenoe.)

*Garcinia* spp. (Clusiaceae), 54656 and 54657. From Tourane, Anam, French Indo-China. Seeds presented by Mr. F.A. McClure, Instructor, Canton Christian College. Quoted notes by Mr. McClure.