

54656. "Seeds of a fruit secured from a tree grown in a thicket surrounding a Chinese ancestral hall about four kilometers ($2\frac{3}{4}$ mi.) southeast of Hue, Anam. The Chinese name is 'Shaan Chuk': local name 'Maang Tuk.'

"The tree from which the seeds were taken is about 10 meters (33 ft.) in height and 25 centimeters (10 in.) in diameter, breast high. The soil in which it is growing is rich, brown, sandy loam, and rather moist.

"The light yellow fruit is from 3 to 5 centimeters (1 to 2 in.) in diameter, slightly oval with a slight prominence at the stem end. It has a pleasant odor, and the flavor is delicate - similar to that of the mangosteen which we sometimes get on the Canton market."

54657. "The tree from which this fruit was secured was about 8 meters (26 ft.) in height and 20 centimeters (8 in.) in diameter, breast high. It was growing in the edge of a thicket on a mountain side near Hue, about 50 meters (164 ft.) above sea level. The fruit evidently is closely related to S.P.I. No. 54656. It is, however, more plump, and flatter in shape, lighter yellow, and distinctly inferior in flavor and quality. The fruit is found commonly for sale in the streets of Hue. Local name: 'Tai T'oi.'"

Laurelia sempervirens (Monimiaceae), 54633. From Santiago, Chile. Plants presented by Señor don Salvador Izquierdo, through Mr. Wilson Popenoe, Agricultural Explorer. "(No. 675. Santa Ines, Chile.) 'Laurel de Chile.' A handsome tree of southern Chile with dark green, aromatic foliage. The wood, which is durable and never injured by boring insects, is much used for flooring. For trial on the Pacific Coast where it may be of value as an ornamental plant." (Popenoe.)

Lithraea caustica (Anacardiaceae), 54634. From Santiago, Chile. Plants presented by Señor don Salvador Izquierdo, through Mr. Wilson Popenoe, Agricultural Explorer. "(No. 674. Santa Ines, Chile.) 'Litre.' A native Chilean tree which resists drought and produces hard wood, employed in the manufacture of carts and wagons. Its leaves are ovate or obovate, thick and leathery in texture. The flowers, borne in axillary or terminal panicles, are followed by small, white fruits. The sap is caustic and said to be poisonous. For trial in the Southwest and on the Pacific Coast." (Popenoe.)