

few flat irregularly shaped seeds which are small for the size of the fruit, - a feature not frequently occurring in wild fruits. This "plum," as it is called, is largely used by settlers in Queensland for making jam and jelly. The hard, dark brown, close-grained wood is tough and durable and is used for tool handles and mallets. This tree is native to tropical Queensland and a smaller form is found in southern Queensland and adjoining parts of New South Wales. (Adapted from Queensland Agricultural Journal, vol. 1, p. 471; and Bailey, Queensland Flora, p. 538.)

*Gossypium* sp. (Malvaceae), 54501. **Cotton.** From Ceiba, Honduras. Seeds presented by Mr. Alexander K. Sloan, American Consul. "Cotton seeds from the Aguan Valley near Trujillo.

"The natives make very little attempt to cultivate cotton, as the only use they put it to is as a binding for cuts in order to check the flow of blood. As a consequence the bush is undisturbed and grows in the course of six or seven years into a tree some 8 or 10 inches in diameter and from 25 to 30 feet in height. As the tree grows larger, the bolls become smaller and the yield in quantity and quality less. In those places where the native wants to obtain a larger crop than usual, the bush is cut to the ground each year and allowed to reseed itself. In that way the bolls are kept at their largest size." (Sloan.)

*Oryza sativa* (Poaceae), 54671 and 54672. **Rice.** From Kagoshima, Japan. Seeds presented by Mr. K. Tamari, Kagoshima Imperial College of Agriculture and Forestry.  
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*Pistacia lentiscus* (Anacardiaceae), 54694. From Nice, France. Seeds presented by Dr. A. Robertson Proschowsky. "This shrub is common in southern Europe, forming most of the Mediterranean 'maquis.' It produces a gum used by the Arabs as a perfume. It is always a shrub in the wild state, but I have seen a garden specimen which formed a very beautiful tree 7 to 8 meters (22 to 26 ft.) in height, with a large, dense, rounded crown of beautiful evergreen foliage. The plant will grow in the worst soil and stands any amount of drought." (Proschowsky.)

An edible oil, known as "shinia" (used as a substitute for olive oil), is obtained from the berries.