

ARISAEMA sp. (Araceae), 55777. From China. Tubers collected by J. F. Rock, Agricultural Explorer of the Bureau of Plant Industry. "(No. 5053. Mili, Szechwan. July 12, 1922.) Tubers of an aroid of great beauty collected in the mountains. The large spathe is white with a tinge of pale green towards the apex." (Rock.)

CALLIANDRA TERGEMINA (Mimosaceae), 55790. From Dominica, British West Indies. Seeds presented by Joseph Jones, curator, Botanic Gardens, Dominica. "A small native tree known locally as 'Bois Ravine'; it makes a good hedge plant, and is very pleasing when in flower." (Jones.)

A beautiful leguminous shrub, of the habit of the mimosas but thornless, with compound leaves composed of 6 leaflets arranged characteristically in two groups of three each. The long purple filaments of the dense axillary flower heads make this shrub a very pleasing ornamental. (Adapted from Plumier, *Plantarum Americanarum*, ed. Burmann, pl. 10.)

CASTANOPSIS ARGENTEA (Fagaceae), 55811. Chestnut. From Buitenzorg, Java. Seeds presented through Carl Hartley. "(April, 1922.) An edible chestnut obtained from the head forester at Palembang, Sumatra." (Hartley.)

An evergreen tree 50 to 60 feet high, with narrow, thin leaves 5 to 7 inches long and very spiny dense clusters of burs; each bur is about 2 inches wide, and contains normally a single nut an inch in diameter. (Adapted from Hooker, *Flora of British India*, vol. 5, p. 621.)

CUCUMEROPSIS MANNII (Cucurbitaceae), 55792. Kiffy. From Freetown, Sierra Leone, West Africa. Seeds presented by Prof. Wm. N. Martin, Albert Academy, Freetown. "The gourdlike fruits, about the size and shape of a goose egg, are produced on vines like that of the ordinary gourd. The seeds when parched and ground produce a delicious condiment, and 'kiffy' seed is an important ingredient in the popular Liberian dish called 'dumboy.' The flavor of the parched seed is similar to that of the parched seeds of *Sesamum indicum*, which are used in the same manner by the natives of Liberia. The seeds are obtained by macerating the fruits in water and then washing the seeds free from the pulp. This plant probably would mature its fruits only in the extreme southern United States." (G. N. Collins.)

CUCUMIS MELO (Cucurbitaceae), 55766. Muskmelon. From Burringbar, New South Wales. Seeds presented by B. Harrison. "Seeds of the Australian casaba, which I believe originally came from India. It is a most prolific plant, bearing cream-colored fruits about the size of a cucumber. It is sometimes called 'apple melon,' and is quite popular here, being very palatable when eaten with sugar or made