

"The late Leslie Gordon Corrie purchased land near Miami, Florida, and started a plantation of cherimoyas, using trees which he sent from his home in Queensland. And Albert F. Benson, of Brisbane, who first called our attention to Pink's Mammoth, describes it as a very superior fruit. It seems worth while, therefore, to test this and other Australian varieties in southern California, where experience has shown that commercial cherimoya culture is practicable, provided varieties can be secured which will bear enough fruit to pay their board. In former years there were two or three small plantations at Hollywood, near Los Angeles, but the trees usually failed to carry enough fruit to make their culture profitable, and they were finally cut down." (Wilson Popenoe.)

**ARTOCARPUS COMMUNIS** (Moraceae), 57771. **Breadfruit.** From Summit, Canal Zone. Plants presented by Holger Johansen, agronomist, Introduction Garden. "The jackfruit (*Artocarpus integra*) has been grown successfully in southern Florida. The closely allied breadfruit, however, has not yet received an adequate trial in that State, and the Department is now attempting to introduce seedless forms, which are the only ones worthy of extensive cultivation. These are propagated by cuttings, which P. J. Wester, of the Philippine Bureau of Science has shown can readily be rooted in sand, if made in the proper manner. While it is not anticipated that the breadfruit tree will ever become of economic importance in the United States, it is thought that it may prove an interesting addition to the list of tropical economic plants which can be grown in the gardens of southern Florida." (Wilson Popenoe.)

**BERBERIS JAPONICA BEALEI** (Berberidaceae), 57704. **Barberry.** From Nice, France. Seeds presented by Dr. A. Robertson Proschowsky. An evergreen shrub, native in China, of a stiff, erect habit, with thick, unbranched stems 10 feet or more in length, bearing a few leaves at the top. The leaves, over a foot in length, are composed of 7 to 13 leaflets, which, in this variety, at times reach a length of 8 inches and a width of 6 inches. The numerous yellow flowers are delightfully fragrant, and the oblong berries, about half an inch in length, are of a pleasing purple. (Adapted from Bean, Trees and Shrubs Hardy in the British Isles, vol. 1, p. 244.)

**COLOCASIA ESCULENTA** (Araceae), 57800. **Taro.** From Aitutaki, Cook Islands. Tubers presented by W. T. Hewett. "'Niue.' A taro with red inner skin and white flesh, and of excellent quality when cooked. It is slightly acrid when raw." (R. A. Young.)

**DIOSCOREA ALATA** (Dioscoreaceae), 57749. **Greater yam.** From Barbados, British West Indies. Tubers presented by John R. Bovell, Di-