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This office has sent seeds of the pejibaye to many tropical countries where the species is not yet known. It is feared, however, that they have failed to germinate in many instances, since they seem particularly difficult to transport long distances. We feel confident that the pejibaye will prove an acquisition of great value in the West Indies, in Hawaii, and in the Philippines. Upon application, plants will be sent to experimenters of this Office in those regions, and we will be glad, also, to supply our correspondents and collaborators in other tropical countries. We particularly suggest the desirability of testing this palm in central and northern India, in Egypt, in parts of the Malayan region and on the islands of the Pacific. From observations in Costa Rica, we do not feel certain that it will prove highly successful in extremely moist tropical regions of low elevation.

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