

Ceylon. Since the unions were effected the mangosteens have made splendid growth and this method promises to be the best one so far as my experimental work in the propagation of the mangosteen has gone. It has been deemed best to give each of these inarched plants a separate S.P.I. Number so that they will not be confused with other mangosteens worked by different methods." (G. W. Oliver.)

METTERNICHIA. 26353. From Mr. Ad. Tonduz, San Jose, Costa Rica. Edible tubers of *Metternichia wercklei* (Solanaceae.) Mr. Werckle experimented with eating these, and found them agreeable and without any poisonous principle. For distribution later.

GEVUINA AVELLANA. From Limavida, Chile., "One of the handsomest trees in the world because of its general symmetrical grace and beauty; has bunches of fragrant white flowers and crimson nuts." (Husbands.) For distribution later.

GUNNERA CHILENSIS. 26320. From Limavida, Chile. Native name 'Nalca'. Like a giant pie plant or rhubarb. Very ornamental; has an agreeable, sweet-acid taste; juice made into ices; roots used in medicine. For distribution later.

LAURELIA SEMPERVIRENS. 26321. From Limavida, Chile. Evergreen laurel. Well known as valuable timber tree. It has nearly all the medicinal properties of *Laurelia aromatica*. For distribution later.

NOTHOFAGUS SP. 26324. From Limavida, Chile. 'Rauli'. A giant forest tree of the greatest industrial value. It may be favorably compared with the American black walnut in respect to its uses and commercial importance. In my opinion Rauli is the most valuable wood in Chile for general uses." (Husbands.) For distribution later.

POLAKOWSKIA TACACO. 26244-245. Presented by Mr. Ad. Tonduz, San Jose, Costa Rica. No. 26244 is a small, fiducous variety and 26245 a large, fiberless variety. "A cucurbitaceous plant used as a green vegetable. Closely related to the chayote but having quite a distinct taste. For experiments by the Bureau before distribution.