

secure seeds for us. He has agreed to send us, as soon as he returns to Brazil, as many as possible of the Southern Brazilian species of forest trees, shrubs and other useful plants, many of which are likely to prove hardy in portions of Florida, Porto Rico and the Philippines. According to Mr. Andrade, the most delicious fruit in Brazil is the so-called jaboticaba, the fruit of *Eugenia jaboticaba*. He says in addition to being a fruit tree it is very ornamental, having a roundish crown, suitable as a street tree. The fruits are black or blue-black in color, about the size of a large plum, having an objectionably large seed. When in flower the tree is said to be unusually beautiful, a mass of white blooms among the evergreen foliage. The fruits have a thin skin and a very sweet white pulp of the consistency of cream; they can be eaten in large quantities without deleterious effects. It is not a fruit which would bear shipment. It is possible that this fruit can be cultivated in Porto Rico and even Southern Florida.

OHIO, Columbus. Mr. J. H. Roys has been for the past two years experimenting extensively with *Juncus roemerianus* in an endeavor to discover a profitable use for this rush, which covers hundreds of square miles along the Atlantic coast.

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Inventory No. 20, including Numbers 25718 to 26047, has been issued. Among the things of particular interest in this number may be mentioned a collection of seeds of rattan palms; an importation of Queensland nuts from Australia; a collection of *Vicia faba* from India, Egypt, Holland, Hungary, China, Kashmir and Spain, for experimentation by the Office of Forage Crop Investigations; the "Monketaan" melon from Cape Colony, highly recommended by agriculturists there as food for stock; the Pahutan mango from the Philippines recommended by Mr. Lyon on account of its great productivity, its sweetness and juiciness and its probable good shipping qualities; *Myrica nagi*, an interesting Oriental fruit plant; *Prunus tomentosa*, recommended as an unusually hardy cherry, for trial as to hardness of fruit bud, in the Northwest; a collection of peach, apricot and cherry seeds from the Himalayas; a collection of varieties of tropical corn from China; a collection of oats from Algeria, Palestine, Sweden and Turkey, and a wild olive from Cape Colony.