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NEW PLANT IMMIGRANTS.

**AGAVE SPP.** (Amaryllidaceae.) 28325-326. From Tampico, Mexico. Purchased from Mr. Mordelo L. Vicent. "Fiber-producing agaves. Leaves 4 to 5 feet long, with reddish marginal spines. They yield the first crop of leaves for fiber 3 to 5 years after planting, and annual or semi-annual crops thereafter for 3 to 5 years. The fiber is similar to the sisal of commerce and may be used for the same purposes. Like all of the agaves cultivated for the production of fiber, they require a climate practically free from frost." (Dewey.) No. 28325. **AGAVE LESPINASSEI.** Var. Vincent. "This variety, developed on the Island of Juana Ramirez, is regarded as one of the best of the half dozen different kinds of zapupe cultivated in that region." (Dewey.) No. 28326. **AGAVE ZAPUPE.** "Estopier. Cultivated most extensively in the vicinity of Tuxpam, Veracruz, where it is called 'zapupe azul', because of its bluish leaves. This variety has been improved somewhat by cultivation." (Dewey.) For distribution later.

**ANDROPOGON MURICATUS.** (Poaceae.) 28331. Cuscus grass from Peradeniya, Ceylon. Presented by Mr. M. Kelway Bamber. "This grass has been introduced into Louisiana where it has become spontaneous. The rhizome is very aromatic. In India the whole plant is used in making the broad fan screens which, when kept wet and placed in a current of air, cool and perfume the heated air. When laid among clothing, the rhizome keeps it free from insects. It is also used in perfumery." (Hackel: True Grasses: p. 61.) For distribution later.

**CATHA EDULIS.** (Celastraceae.) 28327. From Edinburgh, Scotland. Presented by the Royal Botanic Garden. "Kiat is a small tree reaching a height of 10 to 15 feet. It grows in good red soil and preferably on hills, as in Arabia. The natives masticate the new and tender leaves of the tree as a narcotic. They do not smoke it like opium." (Gerolimato.) For distribution later.

**COMBRETUM APICULATUM.** (Combretaceae.) 28342. From Komatiepoort, Transvaal, South Africa. Presented by Prof. J. Burt-Davy. "Seed collected by me at an altitude of 600 feet. The climate is almost tropical, the Tamarind being

