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BULLETIN OF FOREIGN PLANT INTRODUCTIONS.

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NEW PLANT IMMIGRANTS.

- BELOU MARMELOS.** (Rutaceae.) 28875. Plants of bael fruit from Pusa, Bengal, India. Presented by Dr. A. Howard. Dalsing serai variety. (See No. 24450 for description.) For distribution later. (See photograph.)
- BROMELIA SP.** (Bromeliaceae.) 28689. Seeds from Paraguay. Presented by Mr. C. F. Mead. "This plant, which in Guaranay is called 'Caraguata', is a cactus. It grows in camp hereabouts, especially in barren spots. Every year in fall the center leaves turn bright red and it flowers--a cluster of pink and white flowers, similar to tuberose. The fruits are in a cluster 10 to 15 inches long and 4 to 6 inches in diameter, bright yellow when ripe, and each fruit is the size of a small plum. It is used here for preserves only. The plant has a bad name, owing to the difficulty of clearing it out of land after it is well started." (Mead.) For distribution later.
- CARICA PAPAYA.** (Passifloraceae.) 28887. Seeds from Camp Overton, Mindanao, Philippine Islands. Presented by Major Chas. H. Muir, through Mr. E. C. Green. "This seed is from the best variety of this fruit I have ever met with in either the Philippines or Cuba; it is spoken of as the Capitan by some, and as the Java by others." (Muir.) For distribution later.
- CATHA EDULIS.** (Celastraceae.) 28825. Plants from Aden, Arabia. Procured by Mr. Chas. K. Moser, American Consul. "Mr. Moser reports that nearly every Arab in Western Arabia chews khat habitually, often paying half his daily wage for the fresh leaves. Khat contains an alkaloid which acts as a stimulant and this will be given especial study as to its harmful effects before any general distribution is made." (Fairchild.) (See No. 24714 for further description.) For distribution later.
- CYNARA SCOLYMUS.** (Compositae.) 28877. Plants of the Precoced'Alger, Artichoke of Algeria. From Maison-Carree, Algeria. Presented by Dr. L. Trabut. For distribution later.
- CYTISUS PROLIFERUS** var. *palmensis*. (Fabaceae.) 28827. Seeds from Porto Ovotava, Teneriffe, Canary Islands. Presented by Mr. Geo. V. Perez. "This is a splendid forage plant and very drought resistant. The failures with it are due to the ignorance of the farmers and to not cutting back the plant. Cattle and horses have to learn to eat it and relish it ever after.