



ATALANTIA GLAUCA. AUSTRALIAN DESERT KUMQUAT.

Natural size photograph of fruit from specimens presented by Mr. James Pink, Wellington Point, near Brisbane, Queensland. This very interesting citrus fruit is now introduced for the first time at the suggestion of Mr. Walter T. Swingle, because of its resistance to cold, drought, and hot spells during winter. He believes it may be of the greatest importance in the breeding of citrus fruits. The seeds, which are quite small, germinate very readily, and in ten days from the time of sowing in the greenhouse, were an inch or more in height, and of sufficient strength to be inarched on two-year-old stocks. By this means it is hoped that within two years there will be flowers sufficient for whatever crosses may be decided to be worth while. Although the fruit is small, as shown in the photograph, it is sometimes cooked and eaten by Australians, and the expressed juice of the fresh fruits is also used to make a sort of lemonade. This plant may be worthy of cultivation in the arid regions of the southwest where the temperature rarely reaches zero Fahrenheit. Plant Introduction No. 29537.