

All the dark-fleshed taros were, I am told, taboo to the common people and were only eaten by, and grown for, the chiefs. The 'Lehuas', of which there are two, the 'black' or 'Ele ele', and the 'white' or 'Keo keo', are only two of this class. I understand that the distinctive mark of the 'Lehua' is the dark purple ring at the junction of the corm and the leaf stalk." (Clowes.) For distribution later.

CYTISUS SP. (Fabaceae.) 29641. Seeds of a species of broom from the Island of Palma. Presented by Dr. V. Perez, Puerto Orotava, Teneriffe. "A native fodder shrub of great value and at the same time a very ornamental plant. It comes from the same Island of Palma as the tagasaste (*Cytisus proliferus* L. Plant Introduction No. 28827) does, and from time immemorial both have been used there for the rearing of cattle and horses. I venture to suggest to you sowing a plot in a suitable climate like California or Florida and keeping the plants for the supply of seeds which are difficult to procure. The mistake made about these cytisi when grown for forage is that they are allowed to grow to the size of large bushes or small trees whereas they ought to be cut back when they will pollard two or three times in the course of a year. They are both quite as nutritious as lucerne and very drought resistant. In these islands they grow best at an altitude of from 2,000 to 4,000 feet, but they will also grow by the coast. It ought to have a great future in California." (Perez). For distribution later.

DIOSCOREA SP. (Dioscoreaceae.) 29539. Tubers of the Yampie yam from Gatun, Canal Zone, Panama. Presented by Lieut. Col. William F. Sibert. "The pink-fleshed Yampie yam of Panama is considered by the natives as one of the choice tuberous-rooted vegetables. The growing plant resembles in general appearance the ordinary white yams of the tropics, but it is not of as vigorous growth as these. Some of the tubers will be grown at the Plant Introduction Garden at Brooksville, Florida." (H. F. Schultz.) For distribution later.

DIOSCOREA SP. (Dioscoreaceae.) 29540. Tubers of the Yampie yam from Culebra, Canal Zone, Panama. Presented by Mr. Alfred D. Dyer. "This is the pink skinned Yampie yam which differs in appearance of both tubers and foliage from the pink-fleshed variety. (Plant Introduction No. 29539.) It is grown quite extensively throughout Central America and forms a very appetizing dish prepared in many ways similar to the ordinary white potato, which it is generally conceded by Americans and Europeans to excel in flavor. The same disposition has been made of these tubers as of the preceding number. (H. F. Schultz.) For distribution later.

ERYTHRINA SP. (Fabaceae.) 29655. Seeds of ceibo from Cahi Puente, Paraguay. Presented by Mr. C. F. Mead. "This plant is called ceibo in Spanish. It may be of some use as an ornamental