

Crowley, Louisiana. Seeds of several species used as fruits in Brazil, some yellow, some purple, and both large and small forms. Introduced for work in breeding with the native American maypop in the hope of producing a valuable fruit. For distribution later.

PASSIFLORA INCARNATA. (Passifloraceae.) 32137-138. Plants and seeds of the maypop of the southeastern United States, purchased from Mr. Harlan P. Kelsey, Salem, Mass., for breeding purposes. Obtained for the collection being made by this Office of all the species of this genus having edible fruits for use in hybridization work. For distribution later.

PELARGONIUM SPP. (Geraniaceae.) 31957-975. Cuttings from the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, England. Presented by Dr. David Prain, Director. Nineteen South African species and hybrids of this genus obtained for the work of a correspondent in breeding new forms for commercial use. For distribution later.

PHASEOLUS SP. (Fabaceae.) 32035. Seeds of a bean from the South Sea Islands. Presented by the Rev. Father C. N. Field, Boston, Mass. "I never tasted a variety as delicious as this one. They were given to me by a man who had traveled around the world. They thrived much better than ordinary scarlet runner beans, on very poor soil near Boston, grew ten feet high and were remarkably productive. They are eaten baked after removing the pods and are especially sweet." (Field.) For distribution later.

UNDETERMINED. 32063. Seeds from Brazil. Presented by Mr. Fred. Birch, Theophilo Ottoni, Minas Geraes, Brazil. "Seeds of a forest shrub which I have myself discovered here. It is a rare pleasure to find a new fruit thus! It is a shrub about four feet high of very compact growth, stem and branches tough and elastic, leaves dark green, glossy, and fairly tough, about one and one half to two inches long by one inch wide, built like so many of the leaves here for living through a long dry season. I have not yet seen the flower. The fruit is a sort of elongated cherry, about seven eighths of an inch long by three eighths to seven sixteenths of an inch thick in the middle, black or purple black and with a bright, glossy skin. They usually occur singly, strung along the branches, but sometimes there are two together. From one small shrub we have eaten, I think, about three hundred fruits. The flesh is about one eighth of an inch thick over the seed and it is soft and juicy and tastes more