

coral red color. Fit to adorn rockery work and as an ornamental ground cover on rocky places in the colder sections of the United States." (Meyer's introduction.) For distribution later.

*BLIGHIA SAPIDA*. (Sapindaceae.) 32351. Seeds of the akee tree from Jamaica. Presented by Mr. W. Harris, superintendent of public gardens, Kingston. "A fairly large spreading tree, native of West Tropical Africa, introduced and cultivated to some extent in the West Indies for its edible fruit. The latter is of the size and form of a small lemon or pear, about three inches in length, and bright red when ripe. The seeds, of which two to three are in a fruit, are jet black and of the size of marbles. The edible portion is the firm, cream-colored, fat-like substance (aril), developed in a succulent socket round the base of the seed. This is generally cooked, but may also be eaten raw, and is considered delicious when parboiled with salt, and stewed or fried with butter. The fruit, when ripe, splits open, and must then be piced, as on long exposure to the air the aril becomes discolored and unfit for food. Between the two lobes of aril there is a pink integument; this must be removed when preparing the aril for eating, as it is considered highly poisonous." (MacMillan, Handbook of tropical gardening.) For distribution later.

*BOSWELLIA SP.* (Balsameaceae.) 32019. Plants of the frankincense tree from the island of Socotra at the mouth of the Red Sea. Procured by Mr. Charles K. Moser, American consul, Aden, Arabia. Very interesting trees occurring in Socotra, Somaliland and southern Arabia, from which comes the gum used as incense in many Roman Catholic churches. Mr. Moser made a special trip to the island of Socotra at the request of this Office, which he was able to do through the invitation of the British resident at Aden to accompany him as a guest on a British government vessel on a special trip to the island. Suited for trial in the arid Southwest. For distribution later.

*CASTANEA SPP.* (Fagaceae.) 32323, 32365-366. Chestnuts from Kutien, Fuhkien, China, presented by Dr. T. H. Coole, and from Tientsin and Dong Ding Mountain, near Soochow, China, presented by Mr. Nathaniel Gist Gee. For distribution later.

*CRATAEGUS SANGUINEA*. (Malaceae.) 32233. Seeds of a haw from near Tomsk, Siberia. "An ornamental native Siberian haw, much used in Tomsk as a hedge plant. When left alone this haw develops into a tall shrub and becomes loaded in