



NEOGLAZIOVIA VARIEGATA. CAROA.

This fiber plant of probable great commercial worth is described as having half round, light green, white banded, snakelike leaves. It belongs to the pineapple family, and produces an excellent fiber, and flourishes "regardless of droughts." It is said that in six months after being stripped of its fiber, it will produce a full sized crop, from 6 to 8 feet in length. The fiber for cordage and the wastage for paper making promise to compare very favorably with the other fibres used for these purposes. The illustration is used by the courtesy of the Pan American Union, in whose Bulletin for January 1910, appeared the first popular description, quoted above.

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