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ABROMA AUGUSTA. (Sterculiaceae.) 34422. Seeds from Calabar, Eastern Province. Southern Nigeria. Presented by Mr. Frank Evans, Superintendent of Agriculture. "A large open bush widely distributed throughout the hot moist portions of India, now cultivated in Africa. The bark affords a strong white bast fiber, which is easily separated by retting in water or by decortication. It is readily propagated by cuttings and may be made to yield annually two or three crops of shoots, from 4 to 8 feet long, but requires rich land and plenty of moisture. The fiber which is said to be stronger than sunn hemp is strong, white and clean, and is chiefly used for cordage by the natives." (Watt, Commercial Products of India, and Dodge, Useful Fiber Plants.) For distribution later.

ALSOPHILA CRINITA. (Polypodiaceae.) 34429. Spores of a tree fern from Colombo, Ceylon. Presented by Mr. C. K. Moser, American consul, who received them from the Curator of Hakgala Gardens, Nuwera Eliya, Ceylon. A native Ceylonese species very rarely in cultivation. For distribution later.

AMARANTUS SPP. (Amarantaceae.) 34455-457, 34497. Seeds of two species of amaranth from Saharanpur and Lucknow, India. Presented by Mr. F. W. Popenoe, Altadena, California. "Extensively cultivated throughout India for the sake of the leaves, which are used in the same manner as spinach." (Popenoe.) According to Vilmorin many of the species are equal to spinach in quality and very easy of cultivation. For distribution later.

AMYGDALUS DAVIDIANA. (Amygdalaceae.) 34515. Seeds of the Chinese wild peach from Tientsin, China. Procured through Mr. Samuel S. Knabenshue, American Consul-general. This large quantity of seeds was procured from the original locality where Mr. Frank N. Meyer secured it on his first trip to China, and has been introduced for thorough testing as a hardy stock for stone fruits. For distribution later.

ARISTIDA SP. (Poaceae.) 34622. Seeds of the Bushman grass from the Kalahari desert, South Africa. Presented by Mr. J. Burtt-Davy, Government Agrostologist and Botanist, Department of Agriculture, Union of South Africa, Pretoria. "The seed of this grass is very difficult to obtain, as it