

Bamboos. He planted several varieties at his plantation and for some reason they never did thrive or at least we never could find any trace of them. They were planted in a wet swamp and for this reason I don't suppose they ever gained any roots. Several varieties my mother planted in her flower yard at home on high red clay soil and the consequence is that the whole front yard has been taken up with these canes. Our patch now measures fifty by one hundred and fifty feet, enough to transplant several acres I suppose, and I don't want to take them out of the ground until I am absolutely sure that I won't lose my start which has taken about thirty years to get. The culms are all good large healthy looking canes and I nurse them very much. Had this been done some years ago no telling what I would have now. I herewith copy two letters sent my father in 1882 and there was another letter which I misplaced but when I find it will send a copy. This letter stated the names and varieties of the different bamboos sent my father in the 80's.

UNITED STATES CONSULATE GENERAL.
KANAGAWA, JAPAN.

FEBRUARY 13, 1882

George H. Todd, Esq.
Montgomery, Alabama.

My dear Sir;

In accordance with the promise in my letter of the 20th of January, I now forward to you by mail leaving tomorrow morning by the S. S. "Oceanic," two more tins of Bamboo roots of different varieties sent heretofore. I send them as I did the last, in the Government pouch with a request that they be forwarded to you at once.

Hoping that they may reach you in good order, I am

Yours truly,

(Signed) Tho's. B. Van Buren.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.
WASHINGTON, D. C.,

May 29, 1882.

Mr. G. H. Todd,
Montgomery, Alabama.

Dear Sir;

In September this department sent you a shipment of Bamboo roots, received from Mr. Van Buren, U. S. Consul General at Kanagawa, Japan. As we have recently received many inquiries relating to the introduction of the Bamboo into this country we would be very glad to hear from you