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NEW PLANT IMMIGRANTS.

CITRUS. 24311. From Brazil, Dec. 11. Sent by P. P. Demers. "Bahia navel orange. Cut from navel orange grafted on Laranga da terra. I have eaten one orange from one of these trees measuring 15 inches in circumference and its flavor was delicious. The soil upon which the trees grow contains 60 per cent more or less of reddish clay." (Demers.) Scions sent to greenhouse.

CITRUS. 24326. "Naartje." From Warm Baths, Transvaal, South Africa, Dec. 14. "Platskil" is a varietal name. The word means flat or smooth skin and it appears also to apply to the shape of the fruit. The skin adheres closely, but can easily be removed with the thumb and finger." (R. A. Davis.) See "Groenskil" var., No. 24196, Bull. 7.

COPERNICIA CERIFERA. 24404. Carnauba palm. From Piracicaba, Brazil, Dec. 26. Presented by Dr. J. W. Hart. The stem furnishes starch, the sap sugar, the leaves a rope fibre, the pinnae are woven into mats, hats, baskets and brooms, the inner part of the leaf stalks serve as a substitute for cork, and most important of all the young leaves are covered with a valuable wax, harder than that of bees and used for making candles, covering phonograph cylinders, etc. Each tree furnishes about 4 lbs. of wax annually.

DIOSCOREA SP. 24348. From Manila, P. I., Dec. 16. "Tongo. This is by far the best yam in existence in my opinion, which is based upon experience with 2 or 3 of the alleged best varieties of both the East and West Indies." (Wm. S. Lyon.)