

and probably not more than one or two of them are in general cultivation here. Since they are supposed to come true from seed, it is quite possible that one or more of them may be entirely different species. Their names are *Sao Paulo*, *Murta*, *Coroa*, and *Branco*; the variety *Sao Paulo* may be *Myrciaria jaboticaba* Berg, which according to Barbosa Rodrigues is commonly known as *Jaboticaba de Sao Paulo*. Its foliage is much larger than the common jaboticaba which grows around Rio. *Murta* is said to be a large fruited variety, but we have seen only young plants of it. *Coroa* we saw in fruit at a local nursery, and it seems to be the common local variety, which is described further on. *Branca* ('White') is a little known variety, small-fruited.

"The fruits seen in the markets here vary greatly in size, but otherwise seem to be alike. A good specimen is an inch and a half in diameter, round or nearly so, and dark maroon-purple in color, greatly resembling in appearance some of the grapes of the *rotundifolia* type. This resemblance extends to the internal characteristics of the fruit as well, the texture of the flesh, its color and flavor, as well as the seeds, suggesting a grape more than any other temperate fruit. The skin is thick and very tough; it is broken by squeezing the fruit with the thumb and first finger, when the pulp slides out into the mouth and the skin is discarded. The pulp is translucent, very juicy, and of a subacid, pleasant flavor, with a rather peculiar 'twang' which one is not sure to like at first, but which is very agreeable as soon as one becomes accustomed to it. The seeds, one to four in number, are rather large and adhere closely to the pulp; the boys here seem to swallow them, but this may not be a very desirable proceeding from a physiological standpoint. The Brazilians seem almost passionately fond of this fruit, especially the children, who spend hours at a time under the trees hunting for the ripe fruits and then working them off with a long pole, if they are where they cannot be reached.

"Following is a pomological description of the fruit, as purchased in the Rio de Janeiro market, and seen growing in gardens around the city:

"General form slightly oblate to very broadly pyriform, with a majority of specimens round or very nearly so; cross section regularly round; dimensions, length three-fourths to one and one-half inches, breadth three-fourths to one and five-eighths inches; base of fruit in some cases slightly extended, in others slightly flattened; apex usually slightly flattened with a small disk and vestiges of the four sepals; surface smooth, somewhat glossy to very glossy, color purplish-maroon to maroon-purple when fully ripe; skin one-sixteenth inch thick,