

semi-dry lands, and predicts that it may become a very useful cover crop for Southern California and other semi-arid regions." (Dorsett, Popenoe and Shamel introduction.) For distribution later.

*Cudrania javanensis*. (Moraceae.) 36986. Seed from Hongkong, China. Presented by Mr. W.J. Tutcher, Superintendent, Botanical and Forestry Department. "The fruit is round, rather more than an inch in diameter, of a bright orange color, with a sweet, rather insipid taste. It is quite as good a fruit as many others which are eaten." (Tutcher.) For distribution later.

*Elaeis guineensis*. (Phoenicaceae.) 36973. Seeds of the dendé or Guinea oil palm from Bahia, Brazil. "Seeds from trees in the vicinity of Matutú, Bahia. The fleshy pericarp of the seeds furnishes an oil which is an important food product here, especially among the negroes, with whom the palm is said to have come over from Africa. It now grows in an apparently naturalized state on the hillsides about Bahia, and in many places is one of the most conspicuous features of the landscape. It is a particularly handsome plant, with long feathery leaves and a slender trunk sometimes 50 or 60 feet high. It is probably too tropical for California, but may succeed in south Florida, where it should be given a thorough trial both as a food product and as an ornamental plant." (Dorsett, Popenoe and Shamel introduction.) For distribution later.

*Eugenia dombeyi*. (Myrtaceae.) 36968. Seeds of the grumichama from Bahia, Brazil. "The grumixama or grumichama is a myrtaceous fruit native of Brazil. Both for its ornamental value and its fruit it is worthy of a careful trial in California and Florida. The tree, which grows to 25 or 35 feet, is shapely and densely clothed with deep glossy green foliage. The individual leaves are elliptical, about 4 inches in length, thick and leathery. The fruits ripen here in November, and in general appearance very much resemble cherries. The form is round or slightly flattened, the color deep crimson. The stem is one inch or more in length. The thin skin encloses a soft, tender pulp, of mild and delicate flavor. The seeds, one to three in number are rounded or hemispherical, about one-fourth to three-eighths inches in length. The grumichama is one of the most agreeably flavored myrtaceous fruits we have tasted and in addition is a beautiful and shapely ornamental." (Dorsett, Popenoe and Shamel introduction.) For distribution later.

*Eugenia luschnathiana*. (Myrtaceae.) 37017. Seeds of the pitomba from Bahia, Brazil. "A rare and interesting