

38112. SEAFORTHIA ELEGANS R. Brown. Phœnicaceæ. Palm.
(*Ptychosperma elegans* Blume.)

From Belize Botanical Station, British Honduras. Collected by Mr. O. F. Cook, of the Bureau of Plant Industry. Received May 8, 1914.

"Said to grow wild in the Stann Creek district, south of Belize, but a native of northern Australia. A slender, graceful palm, reaching 30 feet in height, growing in the garden of the British consul at Livingston. Large-fruited form. This appears to be the genuine *Ptychosperma elegans*, originally described as *Seaforthia elegans*. The palm that is commonly planted in California under the name *Seaforthia elegans* does not represent this species, but has been described recently as the type of a new genus, under the name *Loroma amethystina*." (Cook.)

38113. CUCUMIS ANGURIA L. Cucurbitaceæ.

From Joazeiro, Brazil. Collected by Messrs. Dorsett, Shamel, and Popenoe, of the Bureau of Plant Industry. Received April 13, 1914.

"(No. 197a. February 23, 1914.) *Maxixe*. Seed of a small, spiny, oval, green fruit used extensively as a vegetable in the interior." (Dorsett, Shamel, and Popenoe.)

"An annual plant, native of South America, where the fruit is eaten; much branched, creeping; stems slender, reaching a length of 2 to 3 meters, coarsely hairy and with simple tendrils; leaves divided into 5 to 7 rounded, very slightly dentate leaves; flowers yellow, very small, numerous. Fruit oval, green, striped lengthwise with whitish bands, and becoming pale yellow at maturity. It is entirely covered with fleshy, pointed or bent protuberances, simulating true spines; the fruit attains at maturity a length of 5 cm., with a diameter of 3 to 4 cm. The peduncle is very nearly twice the length of the fruit, the interior of which is entirely filled with the seeds. The flesh itself is far from abundant; it is white, solid, and has a very agreeable cucumber taste, without any bitterness. In the colonies they eat the fruit of this Antillean cucumber cooked or preserved in vinegar." (Vilmorin-Andrieux & Cie., *Plantes Potageres*, p. 197-198.)

38114 and 38115. RUBUS BOGOTENSIS H. B. K. Rosaceæ.
Blackberry.

From Bogota, Colombia. Procured by Mr. F. L. Rockwood, clerk, American Legation. Received May 7, 1914.

38114. "Seeds of an extra large blackberry from Fusagasuga." (Rockwood.)

38115. "Big blackberry from Facatativa, Colombia." (Rockwood.)

See S. P. I. Nos. 38054 and 38055 for previous introductions and description.

38116. (Undetermined.)

From Zacuapam, Huatusco, Vera Cruz, Mexico. Presented by Dr. C. A. Purpus. Received May 6, 1914.

38117 to 38135.

From Pago Pago, American Samoa. Presented by Commander C. D. Stearns, Governor of American Samoa. Received April 28, 1914. Quoted notes by Commander Stearns, except as otherwise indicated.