

15000 to 15210—Continued.

five-ninths as long as the fruit, slender. The foliage is luxuriant, and the numerous leaves are long, wide, and crowded with long, broad leaflets. In color they are decidedly bluish, owing to the presence of a heavy, white bloom.

Altho inferior in flavor to the Deglet Noor this is unquestionably an excellent variety, greatly excelling the Deglet Noor in vigor, rapid growth, early productiveness, and large yields. The oblong fruit, when ripe, is of fine reddish purple color, very rich in flavor, extremely sweet, and so soft and sirupy as to melt in the mouth when fresh. It can not be eaten in great quantity, however, without cloying. It becomes very sticky and is therefore less satisfactory as a dessert fruit than the Deglet Noor. This variety is considered one of the most productive, giving a good crop every year. Is a late ripening variety, its fruit beginning to mature in quantity at the same time as the Deglet Noor, about November 1. It ranks among the four most alkali-resistant varieties.

15019. *Gasby.*

A third-class "soft" variety; fruit $1\frac{1}{8}$ to a little over 2 inches long, about two-fifths as wide, oblong, often conspicuously curved, very dark prune purple, with a conspicuous bloom when ripe, the surface dull, the skin rather tough, russet brown where loosened from the flesh; the flesh 1 line thick, dark colored, remaining rather soft; the slender seed five-ninths to three-fifths as long as the fruit, two-sevenths to one-third as wide as long, russet brown, often curved. The stalks and branches of the fruit clusters are deep orange colored.

Ripens very early. A handsome, long, dark-colored, generally curved date. Flavor is of the Lagoo type, rather attractive, suggesting that of raisins. It is said to keep very well.

15020. *Gasb Haloo.*

Fruit said to resemble Kenteeshy in color; described as sweeter and better flavored than Gasby.

15021. *Guern-el-Rhezal.*

Said to be a long, slender, curved date, with a stone unusually large and a thin flesh.

15022. *Goondy.*

A third-class "soft" variety; fruit about $1\frac{3}{8}$ inches long, about one-half as wide, obovoid-oblong, keeping its shape fairly well when preserved, bay to maroon colored when ripe; the flesh about $1\frac{1}{2}$ lines thick, dark colored, remaining rather soft, the seed five-eighths as long as the fruit, about one-third as wide as long. The stalks and branches of the fruit clusters are bright orange colored. Said to ripen as early as September 15.

Sweet and agreeable, but not of pronounced flavor; of the Lagoo type.

15023. *Holooa Bayda; also Halouaia.*

A second-class "dry" date; fruit $1\frac{1}{2}$ to $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches long, about one-half as wide, elliptical in outline, not conspicuously narrowed at the apex, widest near the middle, dull purplish bay when ripe; the flesh 1 to $1\frac{1}{2}$ lines thick, becoming very firm and dry; the seed about seven-tenths as long as the fruit and one-third to two-fifths as wide as long. The branches of the fruit clusters are pale orange.

Much like the Lemsy, but the fruit is even smaller. It ripens rather early and is generally eaten fresh, becoming hard and dry when preserved.

15024. *Halouaia.***15025.** *Hamra, or Hamraia.*

A third-class "dry" date; fruit 1 to 2 inches long, about one-half as wide, ovoid, tapering from near the base to the rounded apex, bright purplish maroon when ripe; the flesh 1 to 3 lines thick, becoming quite firm, the dark-colored outer zone thicker than the white central portion; the seed two-thirds to four-fifths as long as the fruit, generally about two-fifths as wide as long, sometimes with strongly developed winglike ridges on the sides. The stalks and branches of the fruit clusters are orange colored.

One of the largest and most showy of the "dry" dates. Much resembles Horra