

## 19695 and 19696—Continued.

19696.

Sweet sorghum.

"*Sorghum saccharatum* supposed to have been brought to this country by the exile Boers who had been transported to Ceylon during the South African war. Unfortunately I can not speak definitely on this variety, as it has not had time to develop; however, the farmer from whom I obtained the seed speaks very highly of it as a bird-proof Kafir corn; that is to say, that this variety when grown beside the common *Boer* Kafir corn was immune to the ravages of birds, while the local variety was almost destroyed." (*Galbraith.*)

## 19714. PENNISETUM CENCHROIDES

From Ootacamund, India. Presented by Mr. R. L. Proudlock, curator, Government Botanic Gardens. Received January 8, 1907.

"Tamil name *Kolei-Kattai*. This grass is largely cultivated in the Conicatore district for the purpose of pasturing cattle on. It is considered to be a valuable fodder and stands drought well." (*Proudlock.*)

## 19715. XANTHOSOMA SAGITTIFOLIUM.

Yautia.

From Ancon, Canal Zone. Received through Mr. Henry F. Schultz, January 22, 1907.

## 19716. VANILLA sp.

Vanilla.

From Las Animas, Mexico. Received from Don Ernesto Guterrez, through Mr. G. N. Collins, January 21, 1907.

"Cutting of a variety said to yield very good vanilla." (*Collins.*)

## 19717. OLIVERANTHUS ELEGANS.

From Central Mexico. Received through Dr. J. N. Rose, of the U. S. National Museum, January 21, 1907.

Discovered in Mexico in 1901 by Doctor Rose and first described by him in the North American Flora, vol. 22, pt. 27, 1905. "The plant is a succulent, 1½ to 2 feet in height, with large, bright red flowers produced singly or in pairs at the end of the slender branches. It is easily grown and starts readily from cuttings and when planted in mass when in flower it makes a brilliant and striking display." (*Rose.*)

## 19718. PASSIFLORA EDULIS.

Passion fruit.

From Australia. Presented by Mr. H. W. Heath, of Chico, Cal.

Plants grown at the Plant Introduction Garden, at Chico, from seed secured by Mr. Heath in Australia. Mr Heath says it is the prevailing edible Passiflora of Australia.

## 19719. CALOPHYLLUM INOPHYLLUM.

From Manila, P. I. Presented by Mr. W. S. Lyon, of the Bureau of Agriculture, January 21, 1907.

"*Palo Maria*. A large and exceedingly ornamental tree; flowers fragrant and very showy. The seeds bear 70 to 72 per cent of a heavy, resinous, freely saponifying oil." (*Lyon.*)

## 19720. CANAVALLIA ENSIFORMIS.

Knife bean.

From Manila, P. I. Presented by Mr. W. S. Lyon, of the Bureau of Agriculture, January 21, 1907.

"*Camcampilan*. A very prolific, climbing bean. The large pods are boiled and eaten when very young and tender." (*Lyon.*)