

24122 to 24127—Continued.

24126. *Ngabani obomvu*. *Red kafir*, apparently typical head, shorter and more slender than normal for the United States. .

24127. *U Jiba*. "The natives do not like the taste of this, but raise it because the birds do not trouble it. Birds trouble all other kinds very greatly." (*LeRoy*.)

Related to *Red kafir*, but with very large seeds; glumes about two-thirds as long as seeds.

24128 to 24130. ANDROPOGON SORGHUM (L.) Brot. **Durra.**

From Egypt. Presented by Mr. Hubert S. Smiley, Gallowhill, Paisley, Scotland. Received September 23, 1908.

Seed of the following. Descriptive notes by Mr. Carleton R. Ball; native names by Mr. Smiley:

24128. *Bahr el Bugger*. Typical durra *Ahmar* or brown-seeded durra; glumes shiny black; large seeds, pale and shiny red.

24129. *Hamashi*. "This is considered the best for bread making." (*Smiley*.)

A form apparently intermediate between durra *Ahmar* and durra *Beda* the white form; the seeds are pale brown, head is otherwise identical with durra *Ahmar*.

24130. *Heygeri*. Seeds white or brownish white; glumes shiny black and naked.

"These are typical Egyptian durras with very large and heavy ovate, extremely compact, pendant heads; the same or very similar varieties tested by me in the last few years always have immense stalks, 2 to 3 inches in diameter at the base, 8 to 13 feet high, and having from 20 to more than 30 leaves; they are mostly very late and will therefore not mature in much of our dry plain region; they are not at all adapted to the more humid region, because the compact heads become moldy in wet weather and badly injured by worms." (*Ball*.)

"This durra is sown as a rain crop in Berber, Atbara, Zeidab, and Shendi districts. Directly the rains are over, the natives go out to the borders of the desert and sow the grain on the poor, rocky soil. They then leave it, as it requires no cultivation, and it receives no more water than that left in the soil by the rains. A good crop would be about 6 ardebs per feddan. These sorghums are the principal foodstuffs of the natives." (*Smiley*.)

24131. GARCINIA sp.

From Palawan, Philippine Islands. Procured by Mr. William S. Lyon, Gardens of Nagtajan, Manila, P. I. Received November 4, 1908.

"This species is from sea level, extending from coast inland 3 to 5 kilometers only; is generally 14 to 15 meters, although sometimes larger, wide spreading and seemingly a robust grower. Fruit edible by natives, monkeys, and parrots, but I balked at much of it." (*Lyon*.)

24132. BENZOIN sp. (?)

From Mokanshan, China. Presented by Rev. J. M. W. Farnham, Shanghai, China. Received November 4, 1908.

"This shrub grows 8 or 10 feet tall. In September (here) the branches are covered thick with beautiful, very bright red berries; a bush here and there among the green shrubbery around a lawn would be pretty. Sow in the autumn, I suppose." (*Farnham*.)