

26408. GOSSYPIUM HIRSUTUM L.**Cotton.**

From Northern Arabia. Presented by Dr. Arthur K. Bennett, Arabian Mission, Busrah, Persian Gulf, via Bombay. Received November 20, 1909.

"Seed of a cotton which I found while traveling across northern Arabia. The women were weaving a light-brown cloth from this kind of cotton, and they say it is bigger and better than the white." (*Bennett.*)

26411. IPOMOEA SINUATA Ortega.

From Iguala, Mexico. Collected by Dr. David Griffiths. Received December 23, 1909.

"Seeds of a native ipomœaceous vine which climbs over shrubs in the valley of Iguala, Mexico. The vine itself is a handsome thing. I have not seen the flowers." (*Griffiths.*)

26412. CARYOPHYLLUS MALACCENSIS (L.) Stokes.**Large rose-apple.**

From Honolulu, Hawaii. Presented by Mr. J. E. Higgins, horticulturist, Hawaii Experiment Station. Received December 16, 1909.

"The mountain-apple, as it is locally known in Hawaii, is a very beautiful fruit of a very dark red color when at its best. It is about the size of a small pear and is of mild, rather pleasing flavor. The tree grows to a height of 40 or 50 feet in the wild condition in the mountains and moist gulches, and bears fruit freely. The usual season is from June to September. It is probable that some interesting results would be obtained by the crossing of this species with some of the more highly flavored species of *Eugenia*, such as *E. michelii* (= *E. uniflora*)." (*Higgins.*)

Distribution.—Throughout the Polynesian islands; varieties in cultivation in Bengal and Burma.

26413. PSIDIUM LAURIFOLIUM Berg.

From Port of Spain, Trinidad. Presented by Mr. F. Evans, acting superintendent, Botanical Department, Department of Agriculture. Received December 10, 1909.

"Jelly made from this fruit has been found to be of considerable value, from the fact that by its agreeable acidity it is quite distinct in flavor from the ordinary guava jelly made from *Psidium guajava* and *P. polycarpum*. It is also said that it 'jellies' much quicker than the common West India guava.

"It is a plant, therefore, which is likely to become widely distributed on account of its usefulness. The jelly, with soda and ice, makes an excellent 'soft' or 'cool' drink equal to or better than any of the ordinary fruit sirups." (*Extract from Bulletin 57, Trinidad Botanical Department, January, 1908.*)

Distribution.—The vicinity of Masaya, near the Pacific coast of Nicaragua.

26414 to 26418. CITRULLUS VULGARIS Schrad.**Watermelon.**

From Salisbury, Md. Grown by Mr. W. F. Allen; presented through Prof. W. W. Tracy. Received December 15, 1909.

Seeds of the following selections made from the Roumanian watermelons received through Consul Knowles; notes by Mr. Allen:

26414. Rind nearly white; yellow flesh; reddish-brown seeds.

26415. Striped rind; red meat; reddish-brown seeds.

26416. Rind nearly white; red flesh; reddish-brown seeds.