

very light. The fruit is something the size and shape of an olive, very astringent and not relished when fresh, but is very widely used hereabouts in preserves, for which purpose it is excellent." (*Mead.*)

32080 and 32081. ASPARAGUS SUBLATUS Steud. Asparagus.

From Jeolikote, United Provinces, India. Presented by Mr. Norman Gill, superintendent, Kumaon Government Gardens. Received November 13, 1911.

Seeds of the following; quoted notes by Mr. Gill:

32080. "Barb asparagus."

Distribution.—On the subtropical slopes of the Himalayas at an altitude of 2,000 to 4,000 feet, from Kumaon to Nepal in northern India.

32081. "Without barbs."

32082. GARCINIA sp.

From China. Presented by Mr. George Campbell, Kiayingchow, on native boat en route to Swatow, China. Received November 14, 1911.

"This morning (October 6, 1911) my boat stopped at a market town and I strolled through it. I found a few specimens of a fruit called *Sann pee pah*, or wild loquat. I brought one back to the boat with me. It was the size of an unhulled walnut and looked like a yellow apple, save that it was spherical and marked into seven segments. It peeled like an apple.

"The flesh was about as thick as the hull of a walnut and very sour, but inclosed a core of seven lobes, each, with the exception of one, containing a seed. Each seed was inclosed in a sweet pulp very pleasant to the taste and suggesting the mangosteen to me." (*Campbell.*)

32083. ANNONA RETICULATA L. Bullock's-heart.

From Cairns, North Queensland, Australia. Presented by Prof. Charles E. Wood, manager, Kamerunga State Nursery. Received November 15, 1911.

Cuttings of this species introduced for the work of the Office of Foreign Seed and Plant Introduction in bringing together all the improved varieties of this genus for trial.

32084 to 32086. IPOMOEA BATATAS (L.) Poir. Sweet potato.

From Port Moresby, Papua. Presented by Mr. A. C. English, Barodobo Plantation, Kapa Kapa, Port Moresby. Received November 15, 1911.

"Seeds of three varieties that we have here in this locality, which are great tuber producers. One has a white skin and white flesh, one white skin and deep yellow flesh, and one a pink skin and white flesh. Seed from sweet potatoes are rarely known here, even amongst the natives who plant them extensively." (*English.*)

32087. CASTANOSPERMUM AUSTRALE Cunn. and Fraser. Moreton Bay chestnut.

From Brisbane, Queensland, Australia. Presented by Mr. Frederick Manson Bailey, Colonial Botanist, Department of Agriculture and Stock, Brisbane. Received November 16, 1911.

"In the scrub near Kuranda we noticed trees bearing pods about the size and shape of a banana, but at least twice the diameter. Upon opening the pods they were found to contain huge beans that look very much like chestnuts. They have a leathery skin, and the interior is white and not very hard, about the consistency of a nut. I tasted one of the beans, although I was told that it was poisonous. It tasted very much like a nut, but had no distinctive flavor. In spite of the poisonous nature of