

32326. ANDROPOGON sp.**Lemon grass.**

From Tampico, Mexico. Presented by Mr. Clarence A. Miller, American consul. Received November 22, 1911. Numbered December 30, 1911.

"*Zacate Limon*. This is said to be a domestic plant. Each stalk should be separated, as it grows up like a multiplying onion and bears no seed. Each stalk with ordinary care usually produces a bunch about the size of a dish pan in a year. By many the leaves or blades are picked fresh. The leaves are then steeped and the resulting tea is used as a table beverage. This grass is very plentiful in this section." (Miller.)

32327 and 32328.

From Rome, Italy. Presented by Dr. Gustav Eisen, California Academy of Sciences, San Francisco, Cal. Received December 26, 1911.

Seeds of the following; quoted notes by Dr. Eisen:

32327. PHOENIX DACTYLIFERA L.**Date.**

"*Zagloul*. The very best date that I have eaten anywhere. It is very large, in fact the largest date I have seen. Medium dark-brown, sweet, and remarkably tender flesh. Said to come from Fayum, but the dates were bought in Cairo. Ripe in January and lasts fresh until April. Best in March and February. Said to be the best date in Egypt."

32328. PRUNUS DOMESTICA L.**Plum.**

"*Papagone*. The finest plum I have eaten in any country. Native of the campagna around Naples, especially Boscotrecase and other towns around Vesuvius. About 3 inches long, greenish yellow, oblong, with a remarkably long, thin, and slender stone compared to the size of the fruit. The quality of this plum can not be too highly praised. Have not seen it in any other part of Europe, nor in California."

32329 to 32347.

From Buitenzorg, Java. Presented by the Director of Agriculture, at the request of Mr. C. V. Piper. Received November 2, 1911.

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

32329. ARUNDINELLA sp.

"A rather coarse but leafy species and probably valuable for green feeding."

32330. AXONOPUS COMPRESSUS (Swartz) Beauv.

"A carpet grass."

Distribution.—Jamaica and other islands of the West Indies; naturalized in the Tropics.

32331. BRADBURYA PUBESCENS (Benth.) Kuntze.

"A twining legume forming a dense mass 6 feet tall when supported."

Distribution.—In southern Mexico, from the vicinity of Vera Cruz and Orizaba southward, through tropical South America, and in the West Indies.

32332. BOTOR PALUSTRIS (Desv.) Kuntze.

"Grown in the Buitenzorg Botanic Garden under the name of *Psophocarpus robustus*. A climbing vine much larger and more vigorous than the ordinary Goa bean."

Distribution.—Considered to be a native of Africa; generally cultivated in the Tropics.