

37382 to 37392—Contd. (Quoted notes by Mr. Dorsett and others.)**37388.** MELINIS MINUTIFLORA Beauv.

Gordura grass.

“(No. 71a. January 22, 1914.) Seed of *Capim gordura*, the principal forage grass of this region, from the fazenda of Pedro de Paulo Lemos, at Pratinha, State of Minas Geraes.”

37389. CROTALARIA ANAGYROIDES H. B. K.

“(No. 72a. January 22, 1914.) Seed of the *amendoim do matto*, probably a Crotalaria, growing along a watercourse in the Fazenda Modelo of the Instituto Evangelico. A small shrub, 4 to 6 feet high, with bright yellow flowers. For trial in the warmer parts of the United States as a cover crop.”

37390. (Undetermined.)

“(No. 73a. January 22, 1914.) A shrub, 6 to 10 feet high, frequent on the campo here. Leaves oblong, obtuse, 2 to 3 inches in length. The fruit is more or less round, about an inch in diameter, and bright orange in color. Surrounding the single large seed is a layer of fibrous pulp, very sweet in taste, and exuding a milky fluid when the fruit is plucked from the stem. For trial in California and Florida.”

37391. INDIGOFERA SUFFRUTICOSA Miller.

Indigo.

(Indigofera anil L.)

“(No. 74a. January 23, 1914.) *Anil*, a small wiry shrub, 5 to 6 feet in height, which grows in the pastures around the edge of town. Dr. Argollo, of Bahia, thinks it may prove of considerable value as a cover crop for dry lands. For trial in the southern United States.”

37392. EUGENIA KLOTZSCHIANA Berg.

Pera do campo.

“(No. 75a. January 23, 1914.) *Cabacinha do campo*, or *pera do campo*. A pear-shaped, very fragrant fruit produced by a small wiry shrub occasionally seen on the campo here. The plant grows to a height of 4 or 5 feet under favorable conditions, with very few branches; when growing on land that is pastured it grows only 2 feet high, with many unbranched stems arising from the ground. The leaves are oblong lanceolate, rather hard and tough, tomentose beneath, and alternate. The fruits are strikingly similar in appearance to a small russet pear. They vary from 2 to 3 inches in length and are russet brown in color, with a thick tomentum on the surface; the skin is thin and surrounds a whitish, very juicy, and aromatic pulp, so fragrant that its odor can be detected several yards away. The flavor is rather acid, but very aromatic. The seeds vary from one to three or four, and are oval or somewhat irregular in shape, about half an inch in diameter. The proportion of seed to flesh is small for wild fruit. The season is said to be November and December; there are very few fruits left now. A very superior *doce* is said to be made from this fruit, and the shrub seems on the whole unusually promising for trial in the mildest parts of the United States.”

For an illustration of the *pera do campo*, see Plate IX.

37393 and 37394.

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