

much seed of other desert melons now distributed under the name *Tsama* that it is often doubtful whether people have the real thing." (*Davy.*)

This is the great forage melon of the Kalahari, described by explorers as of considerable value for cattle feed in that region.

39892. *COLOCASIA ANTIQUORUM* Schott. Araceæ. **Egyptian taro.**

From Cairo, Egypt. Presented by Mr. Thomas W. Brown, Department of Agriculture, Gizeh branch. Tubers received February 20, 1915.

"The common name of the plant in Egypt is *Qolqas*. The plant is just coming into flower (October 6). It is an important crop in some districts of this country." (*Brown.*)

"This plant is of the same type as the specimens received from Syria and Madeira, as well as from some other parts of the world. It is inferior in quality to the dasheen." (*R. A. Young.*)

39893 to 39895.

From Burma, India. Collected by Mr. F. Kingdon Ward. Received February 8, 1915. Quoted notes by Mr. Ward.

39893. *ELEUSINE CORACANA* (L.) Gaertner. Poaceæ. **Ragi millet.**

"Grain grown to supplement maize and mountain rice for making flour. Grown by the Marus, Nmailhka Valley, on dry hillsides, not irrigated, 4,000 to 5,000 feet. Soil from disintegrated granite. Also by Lisus in Salwin Valley under similar conditions."

39894. *NICOTIANA TABACUM* L. Solanaceæ. **Tobacco.**

"Tobacco grown by the Marus, far Upper Burma, Valley of Nmailhka or eastern Irrawaddy. Altitude 4,000 to 5,000 feet. Soil from disintegrated granite. Monsoon rains in the summer, very hot. Winter cold but no snow; lies too low."

39895. *ZEA MAYS* L. Poaceæ. **Corn.**

"Maize grown by Lisus and Marus, Valley of Nmailhka and eastward, 5,000 to 8,000 feet. Poor soil from disintegration of granite rocks, but soil previously covered with forest which is cut and burnt on the spot. Heavy summer rainfall. Maize ripens in July and August."

39896. *GARCINIA MANGOSTANA* L. Clusiaceæ. **Mangosteen.**

From Buitenzorg, Java. Presented by the director, Botanic Gardens. Cuttings received February 23, 1915.

39897 to 39924.

From China. Collected by Mr. Frank N. Meyer, Agricultural Explorer for the Department of Agriculture. Cuttings (except of 39914) received February 23, 1915. Quoted notes by Mr. Meyer, except as otherwise indicated.

39897. *CITRUS* sp. Rutaceæ.

"(No. 1221. From near Lianjapa (near Hsiku), Kansu, China. October 19, 1914.) A peculiar species of citrus growing into a large tree, bearing loose-skinned, round, flattened fruits the size of mandarin oranges. Color of rind, light yellow; rind full of oil glands, smelling like a fine lemon; segments separating easily; fairly juicy and of an agreeable