

40880. ZINZIBER OFFICINALE ROSC. Zinziberaceæ. Ginger.

From China. Collected by Mr. Frank N. Meyer, Agricultural Explorer for the Department of Agriculture. Received June 30, 1915.

"(No. 1256. Peking, China. May 6, 1915.) A variety of wet-land ginger, said to come from southern China, retailing in Peking at 10 cents (Mexican silver) per catty of 16 ounces. Much used shredded in various diseases as a condiment." (Meyer.)

Rhizomes.

40881. ACROCOMIA FUSIFORMIS (Swartz) Sweet. Phœnicaceæ.

From Santiago de las Vegas, Cuba. Presented by Mr. Juan T. Roig, botanist, Agricultural Experiment Station. Received June 28, 1915.

"*Macaw tree* of Jamaica, *Corozo de Jamaica* of Cuba. Trunk 10 to 30 feet high, fusiform or swollen above the middle, armed with spines in rings. Leaves pinnate, petioles and rachis densely armed. Inflorescence inclosed in two spathes, inner complete, sparingly armed. Peduncles also armed with long black spines. Fruit depressed globose, about 1 inch in diameter, smooth. Seed very hard, 1 celled, foramina lateral. A remarkably strong fiber called *pita de corozo* is extracted from the rachis of the leaves of this palm and is used in Cuba in the manufacture of brushes." (C. B. Doyle.)

Erroneously referred to *Acrocomia lasiospatha* by Martius and Grisebach.

40882 to 40885. ORYZA SATIVA L. Poaceæ. Rice.

From Athens, Greece. Presented by the Société Royale D'Agriculture Hellénique. Received June 16, 1915.

40882. "*Ostylia*. Thessalian Lazarina rice."

40883. "*Beloca*. Thessalian Lazarina rice."

40884. "No. 43. Seed of Macedonia Edessa rice."

40885. "No. 44. Seed of Macedonia Edessa rice."

40886 to 40889.

From Calcutta, India. Presented by Mr. William Bembower, Collins, Ohio. Received June 25, 1915.

40886. BAMBOS TULDA Roxb. Poaceæ. Bamboo.

"The common bamboo of Bengal, where it grows in great abundance everywhere, flowering in May. Not uncommon in the deciduous forests of Pegu, generally occupying lower and moister stretches of ground in company with *tinwa*, *Cephalostachyum pergracile*, the dry hills surrounding being covered with *Dendrocalamus strictus*." (Brandis.)

"An evergreen or deciduous, cæspitose, arboreous, gregarious bamboo. Culms green or glabrous when young, gray-green when older, sometimes streaked with yellow, 20 to 70 feet high, not or little branched below; 2 to 4 inches in diameter; nodes not swollen, the lower ones fibrous rooted; internodes 1 to 2 feet long, white scurfy when very young, ringed with white below the nodes, the walls thin, 0.3 to 0.5 inch; branches many from nearly all nodes, those of lowest ones thin, nearly leafless, horizontal." (J. S. Gamble, *Bambuseæ of British India*. In *Annals of the Calcutta Museum*, vol. 7, p. 30.)

See S. P. I. Nos. 19269 and 21002 for previous introductions and description.