

40978 to 40983—Con. (Quoted notes by Mr. Wilson Popenoe.)

mottled with maroon; the skin is rather thin, about 1 mm. in thickness. The flesh, which seems to be entirely free from fiber, is said to be of very good flavor. The seed is of about the average size, not objectionably large, and apparently tight in the cavity. This tree produces the latest fruits of any on the Wilson farm, but the crop does not all ripen late, and only a few fruits hang on until February. At the present time there are fruits in various stages of growth upon the trees, some almost fully grown, others still quite small. Sr. Joaquin Wilson claims that he has picked ripe fruit from this tree during a large portion of the year. It does not appear to be a very heavy bearer, however. For trial in southern Florida."

40981. "(Placetas, Santa Clara Province, Cuba, July 20, 1915.) *Merced* avocado. The latest variety growing in the Quinta Aguas Azules of Dona Serafina Wilson, Viuda de Bartlett, near Guadalupe, about 15 miles from Placetas. The fruit is said to remain on the tree until February. It is broadly pyriform, very similar to *Pollock* in shape, but probably not over 1 pound in weight, judging by its present size. The color when ripe is said to be green and the quality excellent. The tree is old and in poor condition; it is not bearing a good crop this season, but might fruit more heavily under favorable conditions. For trial in southern Florida."

40982. "(Placetas, Santa Clara Province, Cuba, July 20, 1915.) *Wilson* avocado. A late variety, said to be of unusually good quality, from the quinta of Sr. Joaquin Wilson at Guadalupe, about 15 miles from Placetas. This is a rather small fruit, probably not over 8 or 10 ounces in weight, round to very broadly oval in form, usually somewhat oblique at the apical end. The color when ripe is said to be very light green. The skin is 2 mm. in thickness. The flesh is perfectly free from fiber and said to be of unusually fine texture and rich flavor. The seed is very small in proportion to the size of the fruit. According to Sr. Joaquin Wilson, after whom the variety is named, it ripens about Christmas. The tree is carrying an excellent crop and seems to be all that could be desired in regard to productiveness. While rather small in size, this seems to be a valuable fruit, and should be tried in southern Florida."

40983. MANGIFERA INDICA L. Anacardiaceæ.

Mango.

"(Santiago de Cuba, July 23, 1915.) *Biscochuelo* mango. This is probably the best type of mango grown in the vicinity of Santiago de Cuba, and excepting the *Filipino* one of the very best in the island. It is quite common here and very abundant on the markets, where the fruits are sold at \$2 per hundred. *Biscochuelo* is a fruit of rather unique form differing from all others I have seen in Cuba. It is oval to subreniform, decidedly oblique, the left shoulder rounded to very broad and marked by a deep suture, which extends some distance down the ventral side of the fruit, the right shoulder usually falling abruptly. The apex is rather sharp and sometimes almost beaked. In cross section the fruit is broadly oval. The weight is 8 to 14 ounces. The general color, when the fruit is fully ripe, is clear light orange, but as seen in the market they are frequently tinged with green. The skin is thick and tough, the flesh bright orange-yellow, firm and meaty, with a faint but pleasant aroma and very