

41638 to 41672—Continued. (Quoted notes by Mr. H. M. Curran.)

41647. *CARICA PAPAYA* L. Papayaceæ.

Papaya.

“(No. 53.) Papaya, called by Brazilians *Mamão*. Common form that grows in the clearings in the mountains of Rio Contas, Bahia, Brazil. Of medium size and excellent flavor; not cultivated, but distributed by birds. Abandoned portions of clearings are often a pure forest of this plant.”

41648. *CHRYSOPHYLLUM* sp. Sapotaceæ.

“(No. 55.) Sapotaceous fruit from wild trees in the forest. The fruit has a thin, tough skin and soft yellow flesh, with a texture much like that of a ripe persimmon. The flavor of the fruit is slightly acid and very agreeable. One of the best forest fruits I have ever eaten. From the forests of Rio Contas, Bahia, Brazil.”

41649. *CUCURBITA PEPO* L. Cucurbitaceæ.

Squash.

“(No. 37.) Common squash of clearings, Rio Contas mountains, Bahia, Brazil. Small or medium size, green exterior, yellow or orange flesh, of excellent flavor, said to keep six months. The specimens from which these seeds were obtained had very few seeds.”

41650. *DIOSPYROS GUIANENSIS* (Aubl.) Guerke. Diospyraceæ.

“(No. 36.) Wild Diospyros; no common name. A small ornamental tree 20 feet high, 4 inches in diameter. Fruit probably not edible and possibly poisonous. Wood and character of fruit similar to a poisonous species in tropical Philippine forests which is used as a fish poison.”

41651. *EUGENIA DOMBEYI* (Spreng.) Skeels. Myrtaceæ. Grumichama.(*Eugenia brasiliensis* Lam., not Aubl.)

“With edible fruit. An ornamental shrub or small tree with small leaves.”

41652. *HIBISCUS BIFURCATUS* Cav. Malvaceæ.

Mallow.

“(No. 33.) Common pink mallow of clearings and along river banks. A scandent shrub, or almost a vine. Very effective as seen from the river, with its great masses of pink bloom. Plant climbs 15 to 20 feet, and the slender branches could be trained over porches, etc. A very profuse and continual bloomer and one of the most showy flowers of the mountains of Rio Contas, Bahia, Brazil.”

41653. *IPOMOEA* sp. Convolvulaceæ.

“(No. 29.) Showy vine of clearings; wild and also cultivated. A rapid grower with attractive foliage and large bright yellow flowers borne in profusion. Bahia, Brazil.”

41654. *ZINZIBER OFFICINALE* Rosc. Zinziberaceæ.

Ginger.

“(No. 58.) Common cultivated ginger of the clearings in the mountains of Rio Contas, Bahia, Brazil.”

41655. *ORYZA SATIVA* L. Poaceæ.

Rice.

“(No. 16.) Common rice cultivated along Rio Gorgueia, Bahia, Brazil. Probably not an irrigated form, but grown in clearings in the forest.”

41656 to 41658. *PHASEOLUS LUNATUS* L. Fabaceæ.

Lima bean.

“Lima or butter beans, grown in clearings in mountain forests, Rio Contas, Bahia, Brazil. These beans climb over mandioca plants and brush in clearings.”

41656. “(No. 15.) White beans, of excellent flavor, borne abundantly.”