

44253 to 44266—Continued.

44263. "*Rainy season* peach. Ripens in the latter part of May (the Chinese rainy season). Round and pointed; slightly red at the point; flavor sweet and good." (*Native peach grower.*)

44264. "*July white* peach. Ripens in the middle of July. Round and pointed; skin soft and thin. Color white with greenish tinge. Flavor delicious." (*Native peach grower.*)

44265. Mixed seed of the foregoing twelve varieties (Nos. 44253 to 44264.)

44266. *AMYGDALUS PERSICA PLATYCARPA* (Decaisne) Ricker.
(*Prunus persica platycarpa* Bailey.)

"Flat peach. Ripens about the middle of August. Round and flat; color greenish white. Fuzz fine and thick." (*Native peach grower.*)

44267 and 44268.

From El Coyolar, Costa Rica. Presented by Mr. Carlos Wercklé. Received March 7, 1917.

44267. *COCCOLOBIS* sp. Polygonaceæ.

A plant allied to the sea grape, or *jarra*, of the West Indies.

44268. *GUILIELMA UTILIS* Oerst. Phœnicaceæ. **Pejibaya palm.**
(*Bactris utilis* Benth. and Hook.)

"This palm, commonly called *pejibaya*, grows in the hot humid sections of Costa Rica, more abundantly on the Atlantic slope. The Indians have cultivated it since remote times, and it is not known in the wild state. The trunk reaches a height of 8 meters and is covered with sharp thin spines disposed in circular zones. The leaves are pinnate, dark green in color. The flowers are yellow, very much sought after by insects. They form short racemes protected by a bristled spathe. The fruits reach the size of a small peach and in the larger number of varieties are red, the other sort being yellow. The seed is inclosed in a sweet farinaceous pulp that is cooked and eaten. It has a flavor much like that of the chestnut and is a favorite food of the town people. The wood is very hard and is used by the Indians for walking sticks, arrow points, bows, pikes, and for all purposes where strength and durability are required. The name *pejibaya* is probably South American with the variations *pejiballe*, *pajibay*, *pixbae*, *pixbay*." (*C. B. Doyle.*)

44269 to 44272.

From Curacao, Dutch West Indies. Seeds collected by Mr. H. M. Curran. Received March 16, 1917.

44269. *CEPHALOCEREUS LANUGINOSUS* (L.) Britt. and Rose. Cactaceæ.
Cactus.

"Edible fruit. March 1, 1917." (*Curran.*)

44270. *COCCOLOBIS DIVERSIFOLIA* Jacq. Polygonaceæ.

"*Kamalia*. Edible fruit. March 6, 1917." (*Curran.*)

A West Indian tree 2 to 10 meters in height, with ovate leaves 7 to 14 cm. long, spicate inflorescences of green flowers, and ovoid, brown fruits about 1 cm. long containing round, brownish green seeds. (Adapted from *Engler, Botanische Jahrbücher, vol. 13, p. 149, as Cocoloba barbadensis.*)