

**77320—Continued.**

An Australian cluster palm now 14 feet high and having about a dozen stems. It bears pinnate leaves eroded at the ends of the leaflets. It may seed at almost any time of the year. This palm was blown down and badly broken by the big hurricane, but it is beginning to regain something of its former beauty. (*Letter of August 22, 1928, from Mr. Simpson.*)

**77321 to 77326.**

From Madagascar. Seeds collected by Charles F. Swingle, Bureau of Plant Industry. Received August 21, 1928.

**77321. BAPHIA CAPPARIDIFOLIA** Baker. Fabaceae.

No. 4426. From Mananika, Valley of Betsiboka, July 6, 1928. A shrub or tree, native to Madagascar, with slender branchlets, simple lanceolate leaves 2 to 3 inches long, and cymes of yellow flowers half an inch across.

**77322. CITRUS GRANDIS** (L.) Osbeck (*C. decumana* Murr.). Rutaceae. **Grapefruit.**

July 3, 1928. Pink-fleshed grapefruit obtained in the market at Majunga. Several of the fruits obtained at this time were entirely seedless.

**77323. GOSSYPIUM OBTUSIFOLIUM AFRICANUM** Watt. Malvaceae. **Cotton.**

No. 4429. From Mananika, Valley of Betsiboka, July 6, 1928. A half-woody African shrub, 6 feet high, which differs from the Indian form in having more copious and finer wool. The flowers are yellow, changing to reddish.

For previous introduction see No. 63728.

**77324. HIBISCUS SABDARIFFA** L. Malvaceae. **Roselle.**

No. 4412. From Mananika, Valley of Betsiboka, July 6, 1928. A half-woody tropical shrub with a stem 3 to 6 feet high and 2 inches in diameter; horizontal branches; calyx succulent, acid, edible; flowers used for marmalade.

**77325. URENA LOBATA** L. Malvaceae.

No. 4383. From Madriovala, Valley of Betsiboka, July 5, 1928. An erect undershrub with cordate entire or lobed leaves 2 to 3 inches long, flowers an inch across, rose red at the base and small fruits armed with hooked bristles. The stems furnish a fiber used for bags and twine.

For previous introduction see No. 52228.

**77326.** (Undetermined.)

No. 4427. A large tree growing at Mananika, Valley of Betsiboka, July 6, 1928.

**77327 to 77330. SOLANUM MELONGENA** L. Solanaceae. **Eggplant.**

From Calcutta, India. Seeds presented by the curator of the industrial section of the Indian Museum. Received September 5, 1928.

**77327. Elokeshi.** **77329. Makre.**

**77328. Kuli.** **77330. Muktaveshi.**

**77331. CAPSICUM VIOLACEUM** H. B. K. Solanaceae.

From Santa Cruz, Calif. Seeds presented by C. A. Reed. Received September 7, 1928.

The seeds of this variety were originally obtained in Peru in 1918 and planted in the hills near Santa Cruz in 1919. Two of the original plants are producing fruits, and the seeds received are from one of these plants which is now 9 feet high.

**77332. CITRUS** sp. Rutaceae. **Pison.**

From Sorsogon, Luzon, Philippine Islands. Seeds presented by P. J. Wester, Bureau of Agriculture, Manila. Received September 12, 1928.

Obtained in the market. A juicy fruit of subacid and very pleasant taste, something like a grapefruit but sweeter. Judging from the samples obtained, it is too fibrous and seedy for eating, but it might be that in cultivation much of the fiber would disappear. The trees are said to be 40 feet high and very vigorous, so this variety may prove a promising new citrus stock.

**77333. SASA TESSELATA** (Munro) Mak. and Shib. (*Arundinaria ragumowski* Pfitzer). Poaceae. **Bamboo.**

From Generargues, France. Plant purchased from Gaston Negre. Received January 28, 1928. Numbered July, 1928.

A Japanese bamboo, 3 to 6 feet high, with arching stems and broad rounded masses of large leaves.

For previous introduction see No. 75167.

**77334 to 77384. SACCHARUM OFFICINARUM** L. Poaceae. **Sugarcane.**

From Port Moresby, New Guinea. Cuttings collected by E. W. Brandes, Bureau of Plant Industry. Received September 12, 1928.

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