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Pioneer Bamboo Planter

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E.A. McIlhenn , 1934 (EAMC)



ABSTRACT

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I. Introduction

A. Opening Remarks, or, How I Got Into This

I have been a *bambouistes*—

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B. Thesis: David Fairchild's Assessment of E. A. McIlhenny

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for the Southern States but for the American people at large.¹

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C. A Brief Overview of Where We Are Going

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II. Dramatis Personae

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A. David Fairchild and the Office of Seed and Plant Introduction

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Phyllostachys viridis
The National Horticultural Magazine
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B. The Relationship Between Explorer and Grower

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The Wild Turkey and Its Hunting History

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Nouveau Iconographie des Camélias

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III. The Correspondence

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I was very gratified to have with me last Monday Mr. Peter Bisset of your department, and was gratified to have him say that he found the Bamboo experiment here in better shape and further advanced than any other experiment the Department has in the United States.¹⁴

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I enclose for your files a list of the bamboos now growing at Avery Island. [The list, dated April 15, 1929, totals 64 varieties, with plant identification numbers and dates and places of acquisition. See Page 11.]

All of these are planted in the field, and as they are all now living, I think they will show what they can do in another year. Some of them already show very interesting characteristics, and others show that they are not worth much here, and never will be, commercially. A number of the varieties which your department has sent me, from time to time, are too tender for this climate, and some few have died from being too weak when received to survive.

Perhaps from time to time you can assist me in rounding out my collection of hardy Bamboos, and as I am giving each variety a plot to itself, with careful cultivation, in time, we will have a very fine

Phyllostachys henryi *dulcis*
P. dulcis () *P. congesta*
 () *P. vivax* () 7
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B. Areas for Further Research

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 2. *P. dulcis* () *P. congesta*
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List of Growing Bamboo on Avery Island, Louisiana as of April 15th, 1929.¹

Date & Year	From Whom Received	Quantit Received	Identification Number[s]³	Name²
1910.....	Miami, Fla.	129	SPI 24759	Moso bamboo
.....	.....	63	SPI 24760	Hachike
.....	.....	162	SPI 24761.....	Madake
.....	.....	1	SPI 23243	<i>P</i> / <i>ac</i> / <i>r</i>
4-16-27.....	Bell, Md.	25	SPI 55713.....	<i>P</i> / <i>ac</i> / <i>r</i>
.....	25	SPI 23234	<i>P</i> / <i>ac</i> / <i>sp.</i>
4-14-27.....	KEW, Eng.....	8	SPI 75161.....	<i>Sasa a</i> / <i>r</i> / <i>a</i>
.....	1	SPI 75166	

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