

of the natural order *Anacardiaceae*. The author reviews the existing literature on the subject in considerable detail. The mode of collection of the sap, from which the varnish is prepared, is described, and also the elaborate treatment of successive coats of the varnish and polishings which the articles coated with it undergo.

The following types of lacquer ware are prepared with this product:

1. Paqan basket ware, 2. Prome gold lacquer boxes and basket, 3. Mandalay boxes etc., 4. Burmese mosaic ware and 5. Manipur varnished wares. An account is given of the mode of manufacture of each.

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The University of California has received by donation the herbarium and botanical library of Mr. and Mrs. **T. S. Brandegee**, of San Diego. The herbarium is one of the most important in the West since contains something over 100000 sheets of carefully selected plants, mostly representative of the Mexican flora, which for many years has been Mr. **Brandegee's** chosen field, and of the flora of California and neighboring states, which has received careful treatment at the hands of Mrs. **Brandegee**. It contains the sole remaining duplicate types of many species the originals of which were lost in the recent fire that destroyed so large a portion of the California Academy of Sciences Herbarium, as well as the types of practically all the new species described by Mr. and Mrs. **Brandegee** themselves. It is probable that no other herbarium contains so nearly complete a representation of the North American *Boraginaceae*.

The whole collection is available for study and occupies fire-proof quarters in one of the buildings recently erected on the University campus. Here visiting botanists desiring to study the West American and Mexican flora, will be welcome and given every opportunity for research work. Mr. and Mrs. **Brandegee** will continue their studies at the University, where Mr. **Brandegee** has been appointed Honorary Curator of the Herbarium. Mail matter may hereafter be addressed to them at the University.

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