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Spondias species of Mexico are known there under the following names:

Cirial, Ciruela agrico, Costilxocotl, Hobo, Jobo, Mombin, Ciruela amarilla, Cirue~~aa~~ del pais, Hoztilxocotl, Jobo espinoso, Jobo roñoso, Pompoqua, Popoqua, Atoyacocotl, Capuatl-cacao, Ciruela campechana, Ciruela colorado, Ciruela roja, Ciruelo de Mexico, Cupu, Ciruelo chico, Jobo liso.

Get them all. /

There are good and bad forms of all  
of these — get the best! These will be  
the ones of good flavor and smallest seeds!

Feb 19

Dear Mr. Rose:

They are now printing the  
new Journal and want to  
know how many of the  
separates you will take. You will  
have at least 50 free copies - free  
(Please let them know at once  
(over))

Yours very truly  
C. F. Baker

Saturday I saw a  
lot of big agnathids  
in a grocery store  
on Route Broadway  
which were exactly  
your *Sinaloa*  
apparently.

Thursday

My dear Mr Peckham:

Will you kindly  
look up for me the  
full addresses of  
Meyer Lissner, Charles  
Sient and Mrs A.  
S. Lohmeyer in Los  
Angeles. Is it Lohmeyer  
or Lohmeyer?

Best thanks for  
kind words & yours

letters to Hudson  
about me. It will  
be all to the good.

Daniel's articles stored  
them up down there  
to beat the band.

I have now suggested  
to have another  
expedition if Hudson  
the Mex. Govt. will  
back it. To go  
down early next  
year. Wish you could

go in that party &  
make a tremendous  
raid on their fruit  
and other stocks. I  
believe Hudson will  
furnish all the trans-  
portation we want  
anyhow. Dore  
will test the matter,  
anyhow — he  
is standing in splendidly  
with all the people  
down here now. We  
will give it a try  
twice anyhow!  
My love  
G. Baker

Dear Mr. Peperoc:

*Smalley*

It appears that the volume of the Proceedings of the American Pomological Society meeting held at Tampa last February is out and to be had from the Secretary of the Society - Jean Craig of Ithaca N.Y. It is said that this volume contains a valuable study of the mango in Florida by Relfs. You should get a copy at once. Perhaps you will be able to get it soon enough to make any additions necessary to your article before it finally in print. Could'nt you get the Los Angeles and Pasadena libraries over the phone and ask them if they had the volume. Otherwise you had better get it yourself. You will need now, as soon as you can to begin to get into touch with the American Pomological Society people.

Hastily, Yours

*L. S. Baker*



# Economic Plants of the World

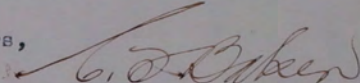
POMONA COLLEGE, CLAREMONT, CALIFORNIA

Sept. 18, 1910

Dear Mr. Popenoe:

I have been away on vacation several weeks and find your letter here on my return. We have a partial extra set of the *Cultivator* which could be clipped. And I can refer you to lots of valuable material on your subject in books that we have here. But of course your most valuable results will come from original observations on what is actually being done at all periods of the year by the most practical nurserymen, greenhouse men, florists, ~~gardeners~~, orchardists and gardeners. And I hope that you will keep your note book busy.

Very truly yours,



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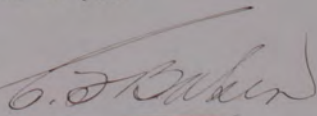
Dec. 24, 1910

Dear Mr. Popenoe:

You will be interested to learn that Prof. Cook has returned from Redlands and Riverside with practical assurance of support for the new Journal. This means that the publication of all your work will be practically assured. We will use the Avocado article in No. 1 and the White Sapote work in No. 2. Then this Fall we should want to begin your series on the Calendar work, - the first draft of it. It will take several years to grow into final shape for book form. In the meantime it should be gotten out in some form and a strong call for contributions and suggestion put out with it. In the last number of this year we can use your work covering operations for January, February and March. So from now on I hope that you will improve every possible opportunity to fill out your notes in every possible way. Circulate around among the gardens, parks, private places, orchards, greenhouses, and nurseries just as much as you can - and keep your eyes open, constantly writing up at the end of each day just as full notes as possible.

By the way, I want very much to get some good photos of the very best street and avenue plantings in Pasadena, in palms or street trees. I shall work up an article on avenue planting. If you see any very fine single specimens of Acacias - I hope you will get good photos of them. We shall publish a series on the Acacias used here in the South, - all with their correct names. Merry Christmas to you.

Yours very truly,



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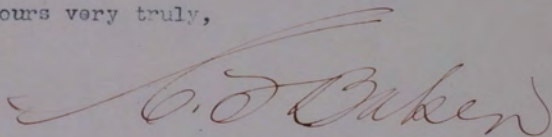
Mar. 15, 1911

Dear Mr. Popenoe:

Enclosed letters from Franceschi will explain themselves. I hope very much that you will be able to become joint author with him of a notable series of studies of our most important ornamentals like the bamboos and palms. The diagnostic characters of the various varieties should be thrown into synoptic form - keyed out - just as you did with the avocados. I don't know whether Franceschi is up to that or not but the photos and that, you can do if nothing else. It will make you thoroughly acquainted with the ~~any~~ anyway and that will be very much worth while. I wish that you would ~~enter~~ enter into correspondence with him about getting up there. We can use the first contribution in Number 3 of the Journal which will come out in four or five months.

We are getting a lot good words for the Journal, it seems to be highly appreciated all over the country.

Yours very truly,



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Mar. 15, 1911

My dear Mr. Popenoe:

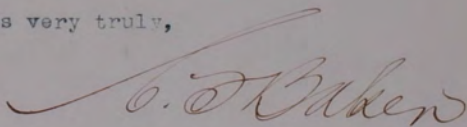
The elliptical brown fruit is a small calabash or guira cimarron or Jicara, this last the name usually used in Mexico. It is *Crescentia cujete*, a very remarkable thing in its botanical characters the flowers appear on the old wood, down on the heavy branches and even on the trunk.

The small yellow fruit appears to be the aryan, all right. I will see if I have any description of *Psidium molle* - this thing you send appears to be that. Hope you will follow it up and get good specimens.

I will send you the white sapote article. Even though there are but few known varieties, I would prepare a little key to them based upon the most pronounced characters, just as you did the avocados. It puts them into thoroughly scientific order.

The plate came in from Franceschi yesterday. It is a pretty large plate but perhaps we can work it in. Please get the sapote article back as soon as you can, and oblige

Yours very truly,



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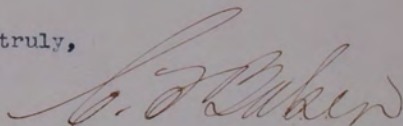
March 27, 1911

My dear Mr. Popenoe:

I will write Franceschi about the Palms. I believe that any connections that you may be able to establish with him, will be very advantageous to you. Barnhart may think that mangoes cannot be raised in Southern California - but what is he going to do about mangoes already being raised here. You must look up some of the Santa Barbara trees that Cornell got specimens from, when you are up there. I should not wonder if as many trees turned up - as of the avocados, when you come to search them out. The trees that Mills had hung on for several years without even any irrigation to say nothing of several severe frosts in the meantime. Now he has taken them up and put them where they can be cared for, - and that up at Riverside. We do not say that all mangoes will, grow here, but we do know that some will, and we hope and expect that some good ones will.

Please send up the White Sapote article as soon as you can. I hope to get the next Journal into the printer's hands next week. You seem to be stirring up a good deal of interest in the avocados.

Yours very truly,



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March 27, 1911

Mexican Anonaceae

- 1 Cymbopetalum penduliflorum - xochina <sup>caztl.</sup> Occurs in the mountains of Guatamala and Southern Mexico
- 2 Sapranthus foetidus and S. violaceus - Palancos. These are interesting because of their fetid flowers. The latter species has been recently collected in Sinaloa.
- 3 Anona squamosa - called Anona blanca
- 4 Anona reticulata - called anona colorado
- 5 Anona cherimolia
- 6 Anona muricata
- 7 Anona purpurea - called Soncollo. Not edible
- 8 Anona longiflora - erroneously called chirimoya and closely related to that. Its flowers are much larger, and its leaves, covered with velvety pubescence beneath, are broader and more obtuse. Grows near Guadalajara.
- 9 Anona diversifolia - called izlama or illamatzapotl. Has floers and fruit resembling those of A. squamosa, with the carpels not so closely united as in A. cherimolia and A. reticulata. It is distinguished from all other Mexican Anonas by a large, persistent, orbicular, clasping bract at the base of the peduncle. Grows at Colima.

Your man in Mex. ought  
to get all of these!

BOTANIC GARDEN.  
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CLAREMONT, CALIFORNIA, U.S.A.,

March 30, 1911

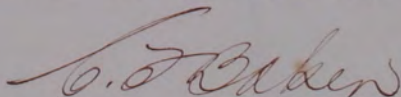
My dear Mr. Popenoe:

Thanks for the Taft subscription. I hope that you will begin to get a line on the loquats. Nothing worth while has ever been published on them, and a good article will be greatly appreciated. If you will start a good lot of seedlings, and these are very easy to grow then while you are looking up the varieties, you can incidentally cop on to budwood of all the best. Indeed temporarily you can insert buds into any old loquat tree and then use them later from the limbs so produced. The great thing in such cases is to keep them carefully labelled. I think that all this sort of work will open up opportunities to you.

From the way Mr. Hunt talks I should think he would also be willing to put out a good series of the best guavas also, as well as white sapotes "Sapote" is right. We will use it that way.

Never mind Barnhart. He is not more that half awake. It is not a matter of optimism or pessimism or personal opinion of any kind. It is a question of careful experimentation, observation, and basing conclusions on good evidence. Let's talk about trees that are growing and have been growing here, and some of which have produced fruit. In five to ten years we will begin to express opinions. The way you went at the avocado work was good. Barnhart will find that there is more in it than the enthusiasm of youth, - possibly more in it than in the editing of horticultural papers. The greatest and most important thing that can be said of avocados and mangos is this "Let's give them thorough trials".

Very truly



BOTANIC GARDEN  
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CLAREMONT, CALIFORNIA, U.S.A.,

April 4, 1911

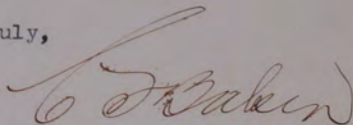
Dear Mr. Popenoe:

The fruits you send are a species of Spondias, called Ciruela in Spanish, or Spanish Plums and they have also many other names. There are many species and varieties of several colors. There are some very large yellow ones. These red ones are the best flavored of any I have ever tasted. It is a valuable fruit. Most of the species are used for fence posts and pieces of any size grow with the utmost readiness. Which indicates that it will be easy for your man to send you cuttings and the larger size these are the quicker you will get good trees. If he puts a little slightly moist moss around them and wraps them securely they will come through in perfect order.

I suppose that you know that you will have less trouble with things sent by parcels post than if sent in any other way. Maskey is watching San Diego with eagle eye and don't intend to let any fruit through there. But San Pedro is still practically an open port.

For the determinations of the Spondias species it is necessary to have good specimens of leaves, flowers and fruits, and Dr. J. N. Rose of the National Herbarium in Washington is the only man who has studied them at all. With the big cuttings you should be able to get good material very quickly. By the way - Spondias would be a fine genus to work up horticulturally some day. Get hold of all of them you can.

Yours very truly,





E. L. Doherty

8 Chester Place

Apr. 14/11

Dear Mr. Peckham:

Can you get me  
a true address of Mr.  
Edward Doherty. Hope  
you attended the Pasadena  
Flower show. See  
last number of Natl. Geog.  
Magazine for account of  
a very succulent fruit  
of great value and an  
avocado which grows  
near snow.

Hastily  
E. L. Doherty

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CLAREMONT, CALIFORNIA, U.S.A.,

April 18, 1911

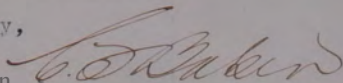
Dear Mr. Popenoe:

This is bully work - getting these ten subscriptions!  
Prof. Cook thinks as I do that you and Ryerson should have the 25% on  
these subscriptions. Hope you will hit a good ~~whack~~ for the Journal  
at Sierra Madre. In a way it will be a help to you also since it will  
spread your work and advertise it everywhere. In this next number  
I am publishing all of the appreciative notes that we have received  
including the very extraordinary one from Wickson. And these will  
be all to the good! I think that your white sapote article will  
arouse almost as much interest as did the one on the avocado. I can  
make the correction you suggest. By the way, what is the  
magnolia Nursery at Monrovia or near there, doing with avocados? They  
are trying to sell about here and ~~doing~~ making all sorts of claims for their  
stuff. They say for one thing that it is all budded and ask 5.00 per  
tree! It looks a little thin to me. Hope you will look them up some  
time.

Will you very kindly check off on the enclosed list those who  
received the first number of the Journal. Our stock of No. 1 is running  
very low, but I am anxious to receive subscriptions only for the straight  
year and to see that all 1911 subscribers have No. 1.

Without any experience in technical pomology, it would hardly be  
safe for Ryerson to undertake a study of the sort you mention. He might  
do it with you - jointly - then you can see that it is all according  
to Hoyle and thoroughly correct all the way through.

Yours very truly,



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CLAREMONT, CALIFORNIA, U.S.A.,

April 26, 1911

My dear Mr. Popenoe:

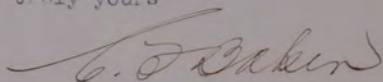
Best thanks for the three new subscriptions. All O.K. Hope you will be able to get a large variety of seed out of Foex. Cultivate him!

I should say yes, if you can <sup>get</sup> as important data as appears to be possible from some of these new finds you have made, it would certainly be worth while to put off the mango article until No. 4. The present number cannot be printed until next week at earliest and probably not the separates until end of next week or first of the following. I wanted if possible to get this one into the mail before the last day in April. I think this White Sapote article will be a new one on most of the people, and will arouse a good deal of interest. The most acute interest will I think be centered on the mango work. People generally know now that these are imported from considerable distances and sold in the markets of

Los Angeles at from 30 or 40 to 75 cents or a dollar each. We have had a lot of men who have stated on general principles without knowing anything about it that the mango could not be grown here. Now comes the time to describe the trees that are actually growing here and particularly and especially those that have actually produced fruit here.

Did the department send you a series of Turkestan melon seed for trial? They say these melons frequently grow 30 to 40 pounds - muskmelons, and are very sweet and good. They have sent me some seed but I have no space just now in which to try them. Perhaps you would like to try them and run them for seed - if they turn out as reputed, there should be great demand for the seed.

Very truly yours



BOTANIC GARDEN  
POMONA COLLEGE

CLAREMONT, CALIFORNIA, U.S.A.,

May 10, 1911

My dear Mr. Popenoe:

I hope that Mr. Sexton found you all right and that you had a mutually agreeable time together. He is a good man - one willing to do a great deal to get all of this work started right. I told him that he could have a set of the avocado seedlings we have here if he would agree to fruit them as seedlings until we could see what they were going to do. He wants them sent on to him next week. You have first choice of these things if you care for them. If you want to come out and get them, you had better bring along some big baskets and take them back in hand.

It seems to me that about the only thing you could work up to get in really good shape for the first number of the Journal this Fall would be the Loquats. I hope you can give them a really thorough and fine treatment with a lot of good photographs, - treating thoroughly every named American variety, and naming and describing any new worthy ones that you may find. The treatment of the mangoes, the guavas, the eugenia fruits, will all take a lot of time and work. Then I hope that you will certainly be in shape by early next year to begin the publishing of a S. Cal Hort. Calendar of Operations that will be the real thing!

Yours very truly,

*C. D. Baker*  
I understand the Journal will be printed early next week. We can let you have 50 separates of your paper on

BOTANIC GARDEN  
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CLAREMONT, CALIFORNIA, U.S.A.,

June 15, 1911

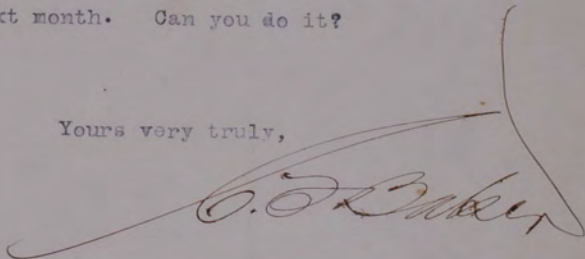
My dear Mr. Poponce:

Evidently the Pemelo work will have to be postponed, and put with the guavas, and other subjects that have to wait for the material. By all means, give us a supplementary paper on the Avocado mentioning some recent developments, the state of the business of budding in S. Cal. — and of planting. Mention the important proposition of Mr. Sexton to gather in a large planting every possible seedling sort for proving out, and for discovery of new and valuable sorts. He is getting seedlings from everywhere. His will be one of the most interesting and important plantings in the whole South.

Yes, I should publish the preliminary Feijoa article in the Cultivator immediately if I were you. It will broach the subject, attract interest, and properly defend our good friend Franceschi. He certainly deserves all of the credit he is entitled to for all of his work through the years.

Hope you can get up this additional article on the Avocado with some good illustrations within the next month. Can you do it?

Yours very truly,



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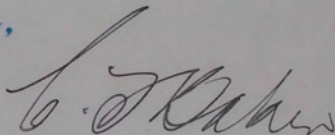
July 12, 1911

My dear Mr. Popenoe:

I am now making up the next Journal to send to the printer, and want if possible to get it ready within the next two weeks. Can you send me your article here, within that time ?

Hope you had a good trip to Catalina. Everything goes well here. I was in Claremont yesterday, and found about a cart load of seed there for me that I could not take care of - from Ceylon, Java, and German East Africa.

Yours very truly,



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## THE LAGUNA MARINE LABORATORY

LAGUNA BEACH, CALIFORNIA

Aug. 9, 1911

My dear Mr. Popenoe:

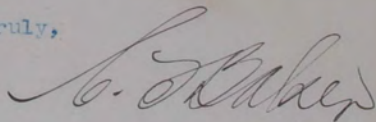
The Journal of Botany plates, so far as I know, are as yet all in the office of Messrs Kingsley, Mason, and Collins at 258 S. Main St. Please consider this an order for the cut of the Gillespie White Sapote and also the cut of the old Santa Barbara white sapote. Mr. Smith at the office, will I am sure, be glad to find these cuts for you, when you call there.

Please tell Cornell that so far as I know now, I shall be in Claremont on the fifteenth of this month.

Am sorry you lost the bamboos films. I hope the Dr. will manage to get out a good workable account of the bamboos.

O. F. Cook will be a very important man for you to meet. You know he is the head of the bureau in charge of all tropical and subtropical work being undertaken by the government.

Yours very truly,



Yes, I hope you will get the avocado article out just as soon as you can.

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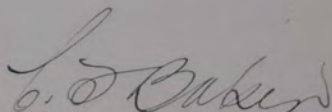
LAGUNA BEACH, CALIFORNIA

August 23, 1911

Dear Mr. Popenoe:

Your article has come to hand all in good shape together with the photographs. These latter are very good. I can arrange to have all of them put in. It will make a very good paper. Yes, it is time now to mention the work you are carrying out yourselves in full - I am glad you put in in. This taken together with your first work will make something far better and more extensive than has yet been published by anyone. Now, just as soon as you can get fruit of all these new *avocado* things grown here - then you should immediately work them up on the plan of your first treatment of the varieties, making a more complete and better technical review of all of the varieties. And you must begin to look for differences in the foliage and flowers. This last article is likely to bring you a good deal more commercial recognition than the first one did though that first one was invaluable in putting the work so well into your hands. There is no doubt whatever that the subtropical fruit business outside of the citrus fruits will spread all through the whole of the Southern United States, and eventually become a thing of national importance. So that this foundation work you are doing is extremely opportune, and will let you in on the ground floor, and I hope you will push it for all of these less known fruits. First of all I hope you get some good preliminary results on the mangoes.

Yours very truly,





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~~LAGUNA BEACH, CALIFORNIA~~

Pomona College, Claremont, Cal.

Sept. 21, 1911

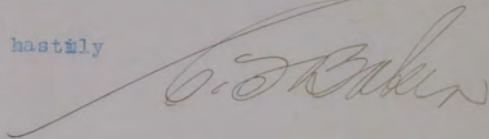
My dear Mr. Popenoe:

I wrote Mr. Smith about the separates you wanted, and I suppose that by this time you have arranged the matter with him.

I wish that your first study of the Mango might be done on exactly the plan of your first work on the avocado. Make it "The Mango in Southern California", bringing out the whole story to date for Southern California. Then append to this article a list of all the recorded varieties of the world known to you. Annotate that list with all of the information you can gather on the exotic varieties. Under the heads of the various varieties of Saharanpur sent out by the Department you can note the fact that they have been sent out and planted here for testing. Of course you can make no study of them or any notes on their adaptability till they have fruited. All the other matter will make a fine beginning work on the mango, and I hope that you will have it illustrated as fully as possible. Can you have it ready by November 1st.?

If you plant the Anacardium seeds in 2-inch pots they will go through flying.

Yours, hastily



Pomona College,

Claremont, Cal.

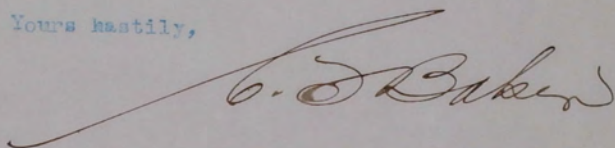
Oct. 24, 1899

My dear Mr. Popenc:

I have the mango tree pictures and they have gone right down to L.A. With these your article will shine. Glad to hear that you will have a good exhibit at the show. It will attract a lot of attention. Got the subscription for Johnston for which best thanks.

Did <sup>OF</sup> Cook turn up at your place? - he was hunting for you. And what did you get out of him? I know that your mango article will be a revelation to the Washington people.

Yours hastily,



Pomona College,

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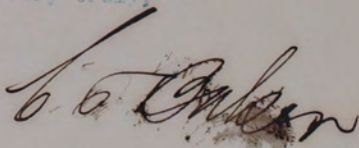
Oct. 26, 1911

My dear Mr. Popenoe:

Here is a great lead for you - just come to me through our mutual friend David Crawford. Now make the most of this. At the same time deal with it gently so that you do not scare Hudson out. Write him fully about your work, what you are trying to accomplish for this region and make the point to him that it will also benefit Mexico largely by giving them a source for selected stock. Tell him how important it is that the finest trees in Mexico be located and bud wood for them obtained. Send him copies of all of your papers, on aguacates and white sapote.

He is in a position to give you passes about all over Mexico if he feels so inclined. Get him interested in your work first, though, before anything is even suggested about passes. If it was your Uncle in Topeka who knew Hudson, I would get him to write to Hudson also about your work and the importance of it. Here's hoping you make the most of this important and delicate opportunity.

Yours very truly,



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P. O. Box No. 322.

Oct. 21, 1911

Aguacate.

Mr. D. L. Crawford,  
Care Stanford University,  
Palo Alto, Calif.

Dear Mr. Crawford:-

In the illustrated weekly magazine issued in connection with the Los Angeles Times of October 15, 1911, is an article on the "AGUACATE", in which reference is made to articles by F. W. Popenoe on the Aguacate in Southern California. Not knowing Mr. Popenoe's address, I would be obliged if you would refer this letter to him, asking if he will be kind enough to send me direct one or two copies of the articles referred to. I know that Mr. Popenoe has a nursery somewhere between Los Angeles and San Bernardino, and I think it likely that you know where he is located. I am sure that this is the Mr. Popenoe whom I knew quite well in Topeka, Kans., and I shall be glad, indeed, to renew my acquaintance with him.

With kind regards,

Yours very truly,

*C. R. Hudson*

Pomona College,

Claremont, Cal.

Oct. 25, 1911

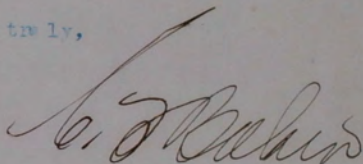
My dear Mr. Popenoe:

Call the large fruited form of the Sierra Madre mango the typical form of the variety and the small one a merely sterile seeded form of the same thing. It is an interesting case and I am glad that we have the illustrations. Wish you could get to us a photo of the large fruit from the same tree. It would be most interesting to have them both. It is likely that if there were other varieties about to give an abundance of foreign pollen, that it would be more regularly fertile seeded.

Shall be glad to have the remainder of your photos soon.

Is the Flower Show a success?<sup>2</sup>

Yours very truly,



[Between 26 Oct - 9 Nov, 1911]

Dear Mr Peckham:

You will of course  
have some good photos  
of the monkey trees <sup>actually</sup>  
from here. Your other  
photos govt of 91 to 91.  
Yours  
G. O. Peckham

[Between 26 Oct - 7 Nov 1911]

Dear Mr. Peckham:

I have written Mr. Bennett at  
H.S.M. & Co. about your extra  
opus avocats article. The journal  
just goes to press. See him  
about it. Don't forget to

have them put on a little  
bibliographic line somewhere  
giving credit to the Journal.

Will write more fully  
later.

Very hastily

A. D. Baker



Nov 6/11

Dear Mr. Cooper

Your last photos  
have just gone to  
Smith. You had  
one labelled "A plate  
of Cal. grown mounts"

But what var.  
is it and where grown.  
They are of good size.

Yours faithfully  
C. D. Baker

Tuesday

[Between 6 Nov & 7 Dec,  
1911]

Dear Mr. Peckham:-

Don't fail to look in  
last no. of Natl.

Geographic Magazine  
in your  
library for Cardon  
an article  
with some fine  
maps pictures

From the department  
I send the article in  
your file. They  
are just interesting  
pictures - no more  
but worth reference.  
Thanks for subs.  
I believe 100  
your percentage.  
And you had  
successful show  
Yours  
G. Fisher

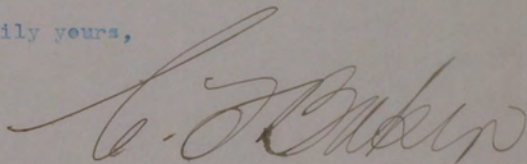
Pezena College, Claremont Cal.

Nov. 9, 1911

My dear Mr. Pezence:

I wish that you would very kindly send a copy of the Western Empire - same as the last copy you sent me - to Prof. F.S. Earle, Herraadura, Cuba. He is, as you may know, a son of Parker Earle - and one of the best authorities on tropical horticulture in the world. He has written a great deal. I should like to have him acquainted with some of the things you are doing.

Hastily yours,



Pomona College,  
Claremont, Cal.

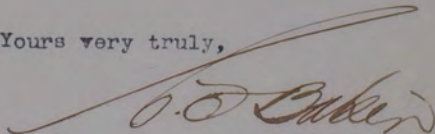
Nov. 24, 1911

My dear Mr. Dopenoe:

Am very glad you have in hand the good Indio customer. Keep her on the string! Her experiment will be a most valuable one - in itself alone sufficient to put the industry on a permanent footing - if it succeeds! But you must caution all planters of avocados that for several winters the trees must be protected with corn stalks or palm leaves. They do that with young oranges - they cannot expect avocados to be more hardy than oranges. After a few seasons when the trees have made an abundance of ripe wood, they will withstand any of our ordinary winter weather. And again a freeze that would take off the oranges would take them also - ~~and~~ and that must be expected. The orange is distinctly a tropical plant - some of our nurserymen to the contrary notwithstanding.

It would be great if you could get a trip to France and to Algeria - you could make it a very productive trip in many other things besides dates. You should look up carefully the full accounts of all the date varieties brought over here by the Govt. and just which of all of them are succeeding. If you will give me this lady's address I will send her the next Journal.

Yours very truly,

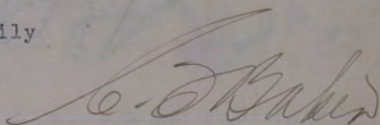


Pomona College,  
Claremont, Cal.  
Dec. 7, 1911

My dear Mr. Popenoe:

The people here are planning for a big Pomological Club meeting on the 16th. They want a good presentation of this matter of the new subtropical fruits, with illustrative specimens so far as possible. This is by request. They were interested in it up at Arlington that day - but did not get to really see the specimens or ask any questions - it was all so hurried. They will meet at the Inn and have a good feed. Can you come up on that date and bring some good specimens with you? You could also take over some young plants from the greenhouse of such things as we have - that would add interest to the subject. It would also give you opportunity to distribute some of your pamphlets - and make business. Would there be any avocados in sight on that date?

Yours, hastily



I neglected to return to you the other days your commission on those two subscriptions. I am enclosing the amount herewith. Best thanks.

Los Banos, Philippines

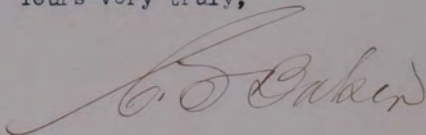
Jan. 30, 1914

My dear Mr. Peperoe:

I have just read Paul's book on the date and it is splendid ! None of our elder men in that work could have done it better. These are two wonderful boys you have . They only need behind to keep tuned down to patient persistent work, to leave ~~xxxx~~ them at the end, monumental accomplishments.

Fairchild seems doubtful if Wilson should be allowed to go into the new book with me. But I think he misapprehends the scope of the work. We intend it merely as an introduction to <sup>the</sup> pomology of the tropics. Anything like an exhaustive work at this time is utterly impossible, of course. I don't think there is any danger either, of our cribbing any department results. That's one trouble with the department, - they think when they have gotten hold of a man, that they own him, body and soul. I have written Fairchild again, and hope that he will come around all right. If Wilson cannot do it - Paul can. I also have two other books under way, one for Macmillan's and the other purely technical, which, however, I may never finish, unless I can draw in younger blood on them . So I am due to keep busy, at any rate.

Yours very truly,



Los Banos, Philippines

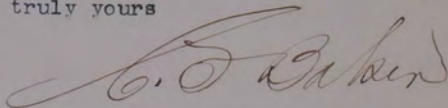
Jan. 30, 1914

My dear Popenoe:

I want to give you my very special thanks for the good way in which you got my article out - I suppose thaanks are due Fairchild for the good pictures. Also I want to thank you for the generous sending of extras - I have put them all where they will do the most good. Indeed I have already had a number of letters ~~already~~, as a result of this article, expressing the very keenest interest, - some of them from the right quarters.

I am enclosing a letter from Fairchild, in which you will see that he does not take very kindly to the idea of your brother going in with me on the book. As a matter of fact this book will not interfere with his work in any possible way, certainly we do not intend to crib the Department's unpublished results! I should have wanted him in with me on it just the same if he had never gone to the department. It is to be merely an introductive work, to open up the subject and draw attention to it with all its rich possibilities. Nothing in the shape of an exhaustive work is possible at this date. We are only at the threshold! I have written again to Fairchild about it. He may not object - finally.

Very truly yours





UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,  
BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY.

FOREIGN SEED AND PLANT INTRODUCTION.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 22, 1913.

Prof. C. S. Baker,  
Los Banos, P. I.

Dear Prof. Baker:

In reply to your letter of November 6, I doubt very much whether Popenoe will have a chance for some time to come to go in with you on such a work as you outline. Work on a manual of tropical pomology, I presume, will presuppose a rather permanent residence of Mr. Popenoe for some little time to come. The fact is, he will probably be on the move for some years. He is now in southern Brazil and will probably be there until some time in the spring. We had planned to send him to the Orient next summer, so you see he may not have much time to work on such a manual as you outline.

With regard to the attitude of the Department, of course, his work will necessarily be first of all for the government. Permission would be given him to work on such a publication as you outline, providing it did not interfere with his other activities.

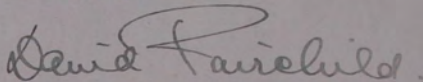
I think you had better outline more in detail, however, just what the work involves, so that I can take it up with the Assistant Secretary who is handling these matters of

(Prof. C. S. Baker, Los Banos, P. I., No. 2)

authorship of such publications as depend, in part at least, upon the knowledge gained by the scientific expert during his connection with the Department and while he is working for it. The observations of Mr. Popenoe along pomological lines are, of course, the property of the government primarily, and it will probably be to Mr. Popenoe's interest to publish in the Department before attempting to make a semipopular work outside of it. I think you are familiar enough with our government work to understand what I mean.

With best regards, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Fairchild". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Agricultural Explorer in Charge.

F-S.

February 28, 1914.

Dear professor Baker:

Yours Jan'y 20 has just been recd.

I thank you sincerely for your very complimentary statements re Date growing and the boys. You are a competent judge; and your opinion regarding the worth of Paul's book is final with me.

Your suggestion that the boys need only to hold themselves DOWN to patient, persistent, work, agrees entirely with my view of what they ought to do. They have a well developed belief that nothing is worth doing that is not done well, they are both energetic, and I am sure they will follow your idea in that regard. I am always keeping before them this same idea; and they have the feeling that no work of theirs can be so thoroughly well done, ~~and that it cannot be of value~~ excepting at the end of persistent application.

I hope Mr Fairchild will change his mind regarding Wilson's opportunity to cooperate with you. I am not at liberty to express myself directly on this matter to him, as I do not believe I ought to try to influence him, - it would not be proper for me to do so. But a letter just recd from Wilson from Brazil, written immediately after he had heard the news of your offer thru' Paul, was most enthusiastic. He wants to do this, very much, and says he believes Fairchild will agree. Both Paul and Wilson will be in a position to put the matter before F on Wilson's return, 30 days from now, with directness and effectively, I believe. It would be a great disappointment to us all, in the family, if this golden opportunity were lost to Wilson; and I don't believe it will be.

Wilson has been exceedingly busy in Brazil, has had a fine time, accomplished a lot of good work, has done an immense amount of photographing, and all told I believe has had a thoroughly profitable trip. He is due to sail from Bahia for N Y on the 14th of March, we think.

With highest personal regards, believe me,  
Faithfully yours,