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Thanks to the United States agricultural explorers, - who are searching the world over for new foods that are palatable and economical,-vegetables and fruits with unfamiliar names are finding their way to American tables, and foods heretofore imported are now being grown in this country.

A recent triumph is for the benefit of the lovers of salad who find the cucumber indigestiple. A new salad plant udo has come from Japan. It: value as a salad was discovered by an American gir!, who used for the purpase the trick blanched shoots two feet long. serving them with mayonnaise dressing, she produced a salad attrac ive both in flavor and appearance. Udo short; suitable for the table have been produced in many places. We may look for it on the market within a few years.

Interest in the avocado as a salad fruit is increasing yearly, and the market demand in Eastern cities during the late autumn and winter is so great that southern growers are materially enlarging their plantings. It is a slender, bottle necked fruit that grows on a tree, and its dull, purple skin, when broken, reveals a pale yellowish green flash that is rich in flavor and very fragrant. Cut into cubes, it is frequently used in mixed salads, and when added to lobster, or any shel-fish salad, it imparts a very agreeable flavor. Served with mayonnaise on lettuce, it is de-

Two recent additions to the menus of our hotels, which are due to the activity of our agricultural explorers, are the chayots and the costly bur art choke. The chayote, a large, green, pear-shaped vegetable, the color of a cucumber, is borne on a vine, waich can be trained, like a grape vine, over a trellis. A single vine will ot in bear large crops, as many as five hundred chayotes, some of them weighing a pound. The chayote is perennial, the fruit keeps excellently, the roct; are edicle, and the young stalks are as tender as asparagus. It may be prepared in twenty d flerent ways.

The bur artichoke is a foreign food now grown through the South, below Virginia. It looks like a big green flower, and after it has been boiled its scalelike leaves are pulled off one at a t me and eaten with may onnaise dressing. It is believed that before long the best bur artichokes in the world will be on sale in our markets for a few cents

The Department of Agriculture not only imports new things, but it also invents them. An invention of recent years is the tangelo, the result of crossing the tangerine and the pomelo or grapefruit. It is between these two parent fruits in size, with the tangerine's loose skin and ease of separation int. segment, with an acid flovor 1 ke the grape frui, although sweeter. This astonishing invention will give us a grapefuit that can be eaten with the ease of the tangerine.

The leit hee, or Chinese nut, now grown in Colifornia, is an interesting addition to the menu. Ir has what looks like a raisin inside in the dried form which most of us know, but in its fresh state it is far more delicisus, for then the brown, leat very ski surrounds a round, july pum with a refreshing subscia flavor.

A new variety of watermelon comes to us from Roumania. It is small, round, green in color, with a thin skin, and is about the size of the ordinary grapefruit-just large enough for one person. It has a very good flavor, and is likely to become popular.

Bush berries, plums and peaches from northern China: a delicious persimmon, also from China, large as an apple, and without any puckering effect; a strawberry tree, bearing round, whne-red fruit with a pleasant

taste when eaten either fresh, stewed or preser.ed, and sem + promising blackberries and currants from Korea all make it look as if the next few years would see great changes in our menus.

#### WAYS TO SERVE WATERMELON.

One popular way of serving watermelon is to scoop out the pulp in big spoonfuls with a sharp edged spoon which cuts the pulp off clean and makes a prestly shaped portion. Put two or three of these convex spoonfuls on a plate with a few points of the shaded green rinlas decoration.

Where a party is to be served a basket Shaving these into long, thin strips, and may be made out of a well shaped watermelon, the bask t being filled with spoonfuls or large cubes of the pulp. These watermelon bask to are made on the same plan as an orange basket, and anyone can make such a tasket with a 1 t le practice first on some smaller fruit. The width of the handl must be decided on first and the riud and pulp cut away from t'is. A watermelon basket can be made from a melon placed on its side or on end, according to the fancy of the person who is cutting it.

Another way is to cut the pulp into balls or dice, chill and serve as a fruit course in spreading glasses. The pulp is easily cut into pieces like marbles with an ordinary vegetable cutter and the effect is very good, especial y if i is sprinkled the last moment before being served with finely chopped tresh mint, The combinat on of color is pretty. In the opinion of some people the flavor of the fresh mint is an improvement to the watermelon.

All sorts of watermelen concoctions are possible when it is used as a salad course. The pulp is usually cut in small cubes or in tiny balls and mixed with walnut meats, and French dressing poured over the whole. A watermel in basket may be used instead of a salad bowl if still more novelty is wanted.

Sweet Apple Pickles-Make a syrup with three pounds of sugar and one pint of vinegar, and while it is heating put in about a teaspoonful each of cloves and allspice and a stick of cinnamon broken in bits. When the syrup boils up well put in seven pounds of good cooking apples, pared cored and cut in quarters. Turn them over gently with a wooden spoon, being careful not to break them. Cook until you can penetrate with a fork and then turn into jars. More apples may be added from time to time, if you have them in a stone creck, until the stone crock isull. These will keep for a year.

#### THOMPSON'S FAMILY.

The financial responsibilities of a large family are sometimes embarrassing to the head of the house, but that there may be other embaras ing phases besides the financial side is suggested by a story in the Cosmopolitan of a Mr Thompson who had four teen ch Ilren.

He agreed oue spring holiday to take the children to the seashore for the week-end. They set off, reached the station, got their t ckets, and were about to board the train when Thompson was touched on the shoulder by a polic man.

"Wet 'ave you been doing?" the policeman growled fiercely.

"Me? Why? Nothing," at mmered the surprised Thompson.

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